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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th Annual Winter Gala

The gala will take place Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-563-1128.

February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

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Suspect in recent burglaries arrested

WPD officers use surveillance footage to allege matching clothing

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A suspect in a pair of burglaries was arrested recently after surveillance video allegedly showed him paying his rent in the same hoodie from his workplace as was seen during the break-in.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Capt. Matt A. Benson, Wabash Police Department (WPD) public

information officer, stated they had responded to several burglaries at Abundant Life Properties, 65 E. Hill St., in the past year.

The burglaries were reported on Sept. 30, 2019, and Dec. 30, 2019.

Both burglaries were caught on surveillance video at the property.

"This investigation was ongoing," stated Benson. "With the assistance and cooperation of Abundant Life Properties a suspect was identified."

The investigation led Wabash Police to a person of interest, Joshua E. Hueston, 45, of Wabash.

WPD officers allege that

Hueston confessed to both burglaries at Abundant Life Properties.

Paperwork was forwarded to the Wabash County Prosecutor's office.

On Jan. 17, 2020, Wabash Police served an arrest warrant on Hueston on two counts of burglary and one count of possession of marijuana.

His \$10,000 bail was paid Jan. 23. Hueston asked in writing for a later court date so he could have time to find a lawyer. There is a status of counsel hearing set for 1 p.m. Feb. 3. A pretrial conference has been scheduled for 1 p.m. May 5. A jury trial has been sched-

uled for 8:30 a.m. June 2 and 3.

"A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty," stated Benson.

First burglary
WPD Det. Jason Mooney wrote in his probable cause affidavit officers received a call at around 12:27 a.m. Sept. 30, 2019.

The front door of Abundant Life was forced open. There was no one inside when officers arrived.

The keyholder then arrived and spoke with officers. They told them there was an ADT security system with

surveillance cameras.

There was a video of the suspect entering the building and fresh pry marks on the exterior door.

Abundant Life oversees several rental properties. For tenants, there is a common due date for their rents, which is the following day. Tenants could pay through a mail slot in the wall which opened into the office.

The suspect attempted to enter office, but found the door locked.

The suspect kicked the door and then grabbed the door frame "with un-gloved hands."

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Mondays on the south side



Provided photo

Three participants at the new weekly Access Youth Center weekly after school program play Wii bowling.

AYC opens weekly after school program at second location

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Access Youth Center (AYC) has recently expanded to a second south side location for a weekly after school program.

Food, games, homework help are available 5 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the main entrance of New Journey Church, formerly WC Mills School, 1721 N. Vernon St.

It is a free program for students ages 8 to 18. Parents and guardians are also welcome.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our neighbors across the bridge and look forward to partnering with additional groups to make each Monday a special event," stated Liz Hobbs, executive director, in a statement to the Plain Dealer. "We want them to know they matter and that there is an entire community cheering for them."

AYC has provided free after school programming to the Wabash area for over 11



This is the wall of one of the rooms we at the Access Youth Center's new second weekly location.

years at their downtown facility, 74 W. Canal St., and that that will continue.

In 2019, AYC hosted a six-week after school pro-

gram every Monday at the Southside Park

"We served over 200 meals during that time," stated Hobbs. "We were

able to partner with various groups, and the park provided endless opportunities

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Free program to help teens and young adults quit e-cigarettes available

ISDH and Truth Initiative seeks to help stop vaping

By **STAFF REPORT**

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), in partnership with the Truth Initiative, announced a text message program to help Indiana teens and young adults who want to quit vaping, according to a press release.

The "This is Quitting" program was created with input from teens, college students and young adults who have attempted to or successfully quit e-cigarettes. Hoosier youth who need help quitting vaping can text "Indiana" to 88709 and receive age-appropriate recommendations about ways to quit. The program is part of a three-pronged approach directed by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb to reduce youth vaping that focuses on prevention, education and cessation.

Since its launch in January 2019, "This is Quitting" has enrolled almost 100,000 teens and young adults nationwide. Preliminary data from the Truth Initiative show more than 60 percent of people using the texting feature reported that they had reduced or stopped using e-cigarettes after just two weeks.

Indiana youth who enroll in "This is Quitting" will receive one support text per day for at least 60 days after their quit date. Individuals who are interested in ending e-cigarettes use but aren't yet ready to set a quit date will receive at least four weeks of messages focused on building skills and confidence to prepare for quitting. Users can receive on-demand support for cravings, stress, slips and a desire for more tips or inspiration in addition to their scheduled interactive messages. Upon completion of the program, users will receive periodic text messages and may continue to receive messages of support for as long as needed.

Printable flyers and palm cards with the text code and number are available for download through VapeFree-Indiana.isdh.in.gov, as well as more information about the program.

Visit the ISDH at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StateHealthIN.

Public comment sought on Statewide Forest Action Plan draft

Plan encompasses Indiana's approximately 5M acres of forestland

By **STAFF REPORT**

The DNR Division of Forestry is working with conservation groups and forest stakeholders to update the 2010 Forest Action Plan, a 10-year strategic document that considers the conditions and trends of forest resources in the state and

provides long-term strategies to address threats, according to a press release.

The plan encompasses Indiana's approximately 5 million acres of forestland, 84 percent of which is privately owned and 16 percent of which is owned by public institutions including federal, state and local governments.

Stakeholders including Hoosier National Forest, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, USDA's Natu-

ral Resources Conservation Service, and the Indiana Forest & Woodland Owners Association, professional forester associations. About 30 other conservation and environmental organizations also have contributed to the update process through involvement with the Indiana Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee.

A draft update of the plan is available for public comment at [dnr.IN.gov/forest-](http://dnr.IN.gov/forest-ry/10319.htm)

[ry/10319.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/forest-ry/10319.htm) until March 27. The final plan will be released early this summer. A series of public meetings will be scheduled to discuss the draft. Dates and locations will be posted online when available.

More information about the Forest Action Plan update process and engaging Indiana's forest stakeholders is available on the Forest Action Plan webpage: dnr.IN.gov/forestry/5436.htm.

Suit filed to stop seawall that could protect 2 homes

WEST OLIVE, Mich. (AP) — A group of western Michigan homeowners are fighting a seawall that could prevent two houses from tumbling into Lake Michigan.

The wall will interfere with their ability to co-use the neighborhood’s shared beach area, according to some members of the Dunes Homeowners Association in West Olive.

They’ve asked an Ottawa County Circuit Court judge to block construction of a rock revetment wall along

the lakeshore, WOOD-TV reported.

Owners of the homes in danger of falling from an eroding bluff say the wall could save their houses and would only overlap a small section of the beach area, according to court documents obtained by the television station.

Homeowners on both sides of the issue declined to comment on the lawsuit. A trial is expected to start Tuesday.

West Olive is northwest of Grand Rapids.

Rising Great Lakes levels

and storms over Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior have caused beach erosion, flooding and damage to seawalls and roads.

An October storm battered the Lake Michigan shoreline near Spring Lake, Michigan, and swept away up to 20 feet of dunes in some communities.

Michigan environmental regulators said in October they would expedite permits for homeowners seeking to place rocks or build seawalls to prevent erosion.

Woman: School district failed to protect her from swim coach

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A woman whose former high school swim coach is now imprisoned for sexually exploiting her while she was a member of the swim team is suing a suburban Indianapolis school district, alleging that it failed to protect her from the abuse.

John Goelz, a former swim coach at Carmel High School, pleaded guilty last year to sexually exploiting the then 17-year-old student athlete and to possessing child pornography. The 31-year-old is now serving a more than 16-year sentence in federal prison.

The victim, now 18, filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis accusing Carmel Clay Schools and the district’s high school swim

coach, Chris Plumb, of allowing her sexual exploitation to continue despite warnings that Goelz was having inappropriate relationships with female swimmers.

The lawsuit alleges that the district and Plumb failed to protect her from Goelz, who “savagely and repeatedly raped and sodomized” her.

The woman’s lawsuit also names Red Roof Inn as a defendant, arguing that the company didn’t properly train its staff to prevent sex crimes on its Anderson, Indiana, property, where Goelz filmed her during sexual activity.

The Associated Press doesn’t identity victims of sexual abuse without their permission.

Courtney Taylor, a Carmel Clay Schools District spokeswoman, said the dis-

trict is aware of the lawsuit but hasn’t received a copy of it yet.

“For this reason, we cannot speak to the specifics of the case,” Taylor said. “We will follow the legal process to appropriately respond to the claims.”

Red Roof Inn said that it’s not commenting on the pending litigation.

The lawsuit alleges that the woman has suffered personal injury from being sexually exploited and having her privacy invaded at the Red Roof Inn by Goelz.

She’s seeking damages due to alleged negligence by Plumb, Carmel Clay Schools and Red Roof Inn as well as damages from Goelz because of battery, according to the lawsuit. She is asking that a jury decide the amount.

Indiana man charged, allegedly chained 3 children to beds

LAFAYETTE (AP) — A northwestern Indiana man faces criminal confinement charges for allegedly chaining three children to their beds and threatening to hit them with a belt if they moved.

Ryan Alexander Hubertz Bass, 28, was charged Tuesday with three counts each of criminal confinement and neglect of a dependent and one count of battery on a person younger than 14. The Lafayette man was arrested Jan. 22 and he remained in the Tippecanoe County Jail on Thursday.

The person who reported the alleged abuse after noticing facial bruising on one child told officers Bass began chaining the youngest child to a bed to keep that youngster “from getting into things,” according to a probable cause affidavit.

That witness told officers that Bass is not the children’s father. The affidavit states that Bass lives at the home with his fiancée, who is not the children’s mother, and he was the children’s primary caregiver.

One of the children told police Bass would order

them lie on the floor, and if they moved, “they get the belt,” according to the affidavit.

Officers called to the home, saw a chain and padlock chained around a bed post in a bedroom before later finding another chain and padlock.

Bass’ fiancée told officers Bass began the chaining after one of the youngsters ran from the house and into traffic last summer, according to the affidavit.

A message seeking comment was left Thursday for Bass’ attorney.

Dating apps face U.S. inquiry over underage use, sex offenders

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A House subcommittee is investigating popular dating services such as Tinder and Bumble for allegedly allowing minors and sex offenders to use their services.

Bumble, Grindr, The Meet Group and the Match Group, which owns such popular services as Tinder, Match.com and OkCupid, are the current targets of the investigation by the U.S. House Oversight and Reform subcommittee on economic and consumer policy.

In separate letters Thursday to the companies, the subcommittee is seeking information on users’ ages, procedures for verifying ages, and any complaints about assaults, rape or the use of the services by minors. It is also asking for the services’ privacy policies and details on what users see when they review and agree to the policies.

Although the minimum age for using internet services is typically 13 in the U.S., dating services generally require users to be at least 18 because of concerns about sexual predators.

“Our concern about the underage use of dating apps is heightened by reports that many popular free dating apps permit registered sex offenders to use them, while the paid versions of these same apps screen out registered sex offenders,” Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, the Il-

linois Democrat who heads the subcommittee, said in a statement. “Protection from sexual predators should not be a luxury confined to paying customers.”

Match Group said it uses “every tool possible” to keep minors and bad actors off its services and continues to invest in technology to keep users safe. In an emailed statement, the company said the problem was broader and requires other parties, including app stores that know who their users are, “to do their part as well.”

Match added that the national sex offender registry needs to be updated so that perpetrators’ digital footprints can be tracked and blocked by social media and dating services.

Grindr and The Meet Group did not immediately respond to messages

for comment on Thursday. Bumble did not have an immediate comment.

Besides safety issues, the investigation also seeks to address concerns about data the services request to make matches. Such information may include sexual orientation, gender identity, political views, and drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

The subcommittee cited a report by a Norwegian consumer group this month that found that dating apps including Grindr, OkCupid and Tinder leak personal information to advertising tech companies in possible violation of European data privacy laws. The Norwegian Consumer Council said it found “serious privacy infringements” in its analysis of how shadowy online ad companies track and profile smartphone users.

Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 31- Thursday, February 6
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

The Gentlemen (R) Fri: 6:30, 9:20 Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20 Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30	1917 (R) Fri: 7:10, 9:50 Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50 Sun: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10 Mon- Thurs: 7:10	Dolittle (PG) Fri: 7:00, 9:30 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00 Mon- Thurs: 7:00
Gretel and Hansel (PG13) Fri: 6:40, 9:10 Sat: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10 Sun: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	Bad Boys for Life (R) Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	

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Friday Cloudy 39 / 33	Saturday Cloudy 37 / 31	Sunday Mostly Sunny 48 / 36	Monday Mostly Cloudy 46 / 38	Tuesday Scattered Rain 40 / 26

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:03 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:58 a.m.

First 2/1	Full 2/9	Last 2/15	New 2/23

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a high temperature of 39°, humidity of 73%. Light winds. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°. Southwest wind 2 to 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°. Saturday, skies will be cloudy with a high of 37°, humidity of 84%.

Easy treatments for bumpy skin

DEAR DOCTOR: Every winter I get these weird bumps on my skin, kind of like goosebumps, except that they won’t go away. What are they? Is there anything that can help?

DEAR READER: It sounds as though you’re describing a common and harmless skin condition known as keratosis pilaris. Symptoms typically include patches of small, hard bumps that are about the size of a grain of sand. They may match your skin tone, or can appear pink, reddish, white or brown. In some cases, the tops of the bumps are covered in dry skin scales.

The condition occurs when oil pores in the skin, which also contain tiny hairs, become clogged with dead skin cells. (The word “keratosis” refers to keratin, the main building block of the epidermis, or outer layer of the skin. The word “pilaris” pertains to hair.) The affected area becomes rough and in some cases may itch. However, keratosis pilaris doesn’t cause pain.

This is a condition that may be seasonal, as you have experienced, or can last for months or even years. It usually appears on the skin of the upper arm, upper thigh or buttocks, but can also develop on other areas of the body. It sometimes occurs on the face, most often on cheeks, where it resembles acne. It’s more common in young people, and often goes away as they get older. The cause of keratosis pilaris isn’t yet known, but since it’s more common in individuals with certain skin conditions, such as eczema, genes may play a role. It’s distinctive enough that it can usually be diagnosed with a visual and physical exam.

Keratosis pilaris is neither harmful nor dangerous, and it isn’t infectious. It can safely be left alone. But if you’re bothered by the appearance, or if you’re experiencing itchiness, you have several treatment options. Since damp skin absorbs moisturizer more easily than dry skin,

and since the products form a barrier that protects the skin, make it a practice to apply moisturizer after bathing or showering. Creams that contain chemical exfoliators – such as urea, salicylic and glycolic acid, and alpha hydroxy acids – can help to break down excess keratin. Over-the-counter lotions such as Eucerin, AmLactin and CeraVe, which are gentle and fragrance-free, can be helpful in diminishing the size of the bumps and boosting moisture.

When showering and bathing, keep water on the cooler side, as hot water can contribute to dry skin and irritation. Using a loofah, washcloth or exfoliating mitt can also help minimize bumps, but don’t try to scrub them away. This can easily lead to irritated or even inflamed skin and make

symptoms worse. Instead, treat your skin gently.

When toweling off after a shower or bath, dab your skin dry rather than rubbing. If you’re not getting results with this regimen of self-care, your health care provider can recommend prescription creams with vitamin A or Retin-A, which may help improve your skin’s appearance.

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WEDNESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5 02-03-18-27-29
Cash4Life
19-27-40-41-58, Cash Ball: 1
Daily 3 midday 8-9-5,
SB: 8
Daily 3 evening 0-6-4,
SB: 3
Daily 4 midday 6-6-1-1,
SB: 8
Daily 4 evening 0-4-9-7,
SB: 3
Hoosier Lotto
09-14-16-33-38-43
Estimated jackpot: \$7.8 million
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$155 million
Powerball
09-12-15-31-60, Powerball: 2, Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$394 million

THURSDAY'S METALS

Aluminum..... 0.79
Copper..... 2.58
Lead..... 0.86
Zinc..... 1.02
Gold..... 1,582.49
Silver..... 17.98
Platinum..... 974.09

AREA GRAIN

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PULSE

From page A1

Voice for grassroots organizing is MLK speaker at Manchester

Tayna Fogle will tell her story and share lessons in the Power of Voice: Darkest Past Now Greatest Asset at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. It is free and open to the public.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 5

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

GriefShare support group begins Feb. 5

GriefShare grief recovery support group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Feb. 5 at the Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. Participant workbooks can be purchased for \$15. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 260-982-2882.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs are available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit www.bachelorcreek.com.

LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m., or until it's gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

Experience 120 years of local agricultural history

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be

hosting John Hartsough at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Assembly Room of Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. There is no charge for attendance.

Wabash River water quality meeting planned

The project focused on assessing, protecting and improving water quality; engaging individuals interested in the Wabash River drainage; and developing a step-wise plan for the Wabash River drainage will host its final public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center. For more information, email Sara Peel at wabashriverdefenders@gmail.com or Jen Rankin at jrankin@slashthetrash.com.

Woman's Clubhouse to host monthly luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse along with the Sew Peaceful Quilt Club will host its monthly luncheon at noon Feb. 11. The program will be a prize and gift day with games and surprises. The Bash Boutique is our sponsor and will provide one of our gifts. Please make your reservations by phone with Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020

Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj>.

Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashinspotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine's Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine's Day dinner for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad, dessert and drink for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. Bring a flower for the ladies. For more information, call 260-306-0162.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall. Tickets for the gala are \$100, which will not only get guests entry to the event, but also dinner and a ticket into the event's reverse raffle. Tickets may be purchased by Saturday, Feb. 1. Those who are interested in purchasing tickets can reach out to Wabash Kiwanis mem-

bers. Tickets can also be purchased from and hand-delivered to those in the Wabash area by Brainard by calling 260-330-9613, and Miller by calling 260-568-1128. For those who can't attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with "Riley" in the memo line.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

Honeywell Foundation's annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovellstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County's annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com/events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

William Jay Brewer
Aug. 28, 1964 - Jan. 28, 2020

William Jay Brewer, 55, North Manchester passed away Jan. 28, 2020 in Toledo, Ohio. One of five children, Jay was born on Aug. 28, 1964 in at the Wabash County Hospital, Wabash, Indiana to Don W. and Nancy J. (Ross) Brewer.

Jay graduated from Manchester High School in 1983, where he played on the basketball team and later at Jacksonville College in Texas. Jay had a heart of gold, especially when it came to his nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, and parents. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and playing basketball in leagues in Wabash, Indiana. Jay worked for Sterling Contracting in North Webster, for the last 3 years, but he was a lifelong construction worker. He was a hard worker and creative in his construction work. His job gave him the opportunity to travel in which he thoroughly enjoyed. Throughout life's challenges, he loved the Lord with all of his heart. On Sundays, he attended Sweetwater Assembly of God.

The loving memory of William Jay Brewer will be forever cherished by his father and mother, Don and Nancy Brewer, North Manchester; two brothers, Todd A. (Crystal) Brewer and Kevin (Carrie) Brewer, both of North Manchester; two sisters, Debbie S. (Steve) Dotson,



Silver Lake, Indiana and Stephanie (Scott) Martin, South Bend, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sweetwater IN Assembly of God, 2551 IN 114, North Manchester. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at 10 a.m. with calling beginning one hour prior to the service. Pastor Jeremy Jones and Pastor Chad McAtee will officiate and burial for Jay will be held at Laketon Cemetery, 200 West 950 North, Laketon, IN.

For those who wish to honor the memory of William Jay Brewer, memorial contributions may be made to Lansing Teen Challenge, 510 Willow Street, Lansing, MI 48906.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

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to connect. We played a lot of games, and discovered that picnic tables make math homework a bit more bearable." Contributors to the park pro-

gram included: Bowen Center, Nick's Dog Cart, Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Wabash County United Fund and AYC board members, staff and volunteers.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.

SUSPECT

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The area was then swabbed for potential DNA transfer.

Second burglary

On Dec. 30, 2019, Abundant Life was burglarized again and WPD Det. John Krhin assigned to the case. They also had a surveillance video of this incident.

In the video, a suspect wearing the same type of mask and a blue sweatshirt with several lines of writing on the left chest could be seen.

Abundant Life said there was also tenant wearing the same sweatshirt who paid their rent.

In Krhin's probable cause affidavit, filed Jan. 16, said the suspect was seen on video paying his rent at about 2 a.m. wearing the same sweatshirt, light-colored jeans and white tennis shoes. He also appeared to be the same height as the suspect.

Krhin then obtained a warrant to collect Hueston's DNA.

Another warrant to search the residence was obtained after officers said the smelled burnt marijuana at his residence.

Alleged admissions of guilt

Hueston admitted to involvement in the burglary of Dec. 30, but nothing else.



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Opinion

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 123 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 123 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Their fellow Levites in their villages had to come from time to time and share their duties for seven-day periods.

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75 years after its liberation: Why did Auschwitz happen?

Fay Waldman survived Auschwitz. She survived because Josef Mengele, the depraved Nazi doctor, decided on her arrival at the concentration camp that she shouldn't die. "I will never forget his lifting his black-leather gloved hand and pointing which way we should go, to the labor camp or to the death camp," Waldman said at a Chicago-area Holocaust remembrance in 1985. "I was healthy and went to the labor camp while the rest of my family went the other way."

The terror at Auschwitz was both systematic and indiscriminate. The Germans murdered 1.1 million people at the extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Most of the victims were Jewish. They were gassed, shot or beaten to death. Thousands of inmates survived, though barely, as slave laborers. Some worked in mines or rock quarries. Some sorted the confiscated possessions of others prisoners to be shipped back to Germany. One small group, surely the unluckiest of survivors, was assigned to the Sonderkommando, the unit ordered to move corpses from the gas chambers to the ovens.

There were children at Auschwitz too. Among the murdered and brutalized were sets of twins who became the subject of Mengele's sadistic medical experiments. Most were killed afterward so their bodies could be dissected. One pair was sewn together as if to create a conjoined set. They died of gangrene. Eva Kor remembered being

tied down and stuck with a needle. "They wanted to know how much blood a person can lose and still live," she said years later. On Jan. 27, 1945, the madness ended. With Germany in retreat, Soviet soldiers liberated the Auschwitz complex. "We saw emaciated, tortured, impoverished people," Ivan Martynushkin, then a 21-year-old lieutenant, told CNN in 2010. "We could tell from their eyes that they were happy to be saved from this hell." The Soviet troops found approximately 7,000 inmates. The Nazis had fled, taking 60,000 prisoners with them. Those who could not keep up were shot.

Fay Waldman of Lincolnwood died in 2015. Eva Kor of Terre Haute, Indiana, died last summer. Soon all the survivors of the German extermination camps will be gone, no longer bearing witness. Their testimonies will live on, though, via museums like the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, documentaries like "Shoah," books and archives. As long as those stories are shared, the lessons of the Holocaust won't be forgotten. This is what makes anniversaries crucial to commemorate: They're opportunities — excuses, if you will — to remember. The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the largest Nazi death complex, and the end to World War II. It's a year filled with reflections.

On the 40th anniversary in 1985, ABC News anchor Peter Jennings

visited Auschwitz with Elie Wiesel, the Nobel laureate and Auschwitz survivor, to consider the horror of Nazi genocide. Jennings asked a logical question: How could the Jews of Europe have become victims in their own countries? How did they not recognize the German intention to exterminate the Jews? Why did they seemingly submit so easily? Wiesel had taken up this same question in his acclaimed memoir "Night," in which Moishe the Beadle returned home to warn villagers after he survived a far-off Nazi massacre. No one believed him. His tale was too fantastical. The Jews put trust in a society that reviled them. Many Jews did flee before the war, but many did not.

"We came from one world into another," Wiesel said. "The killers killed and the victims died and the sky was blue and bread was bread. It worked. The Germans managed to create, beside creation, another creation. Beside human society another society, a parallel society, and that society was efficient. There were those who lit the fire, those who threw the children in the fire and it worked day after day and we had the feeling that it would never end."

Toward the end of his life, Wiesel spent hours in conversation with the Tribune's Howard Reich for Reich's book, "The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel." Wiesel suggested that the Holocaust existed as a paradox: something too

terrible to happen that also happened. An inconceivable reality. "Wiesel himself had said many times to me that the scale of this genocide could not be absorbed by the human psyche," Reich wrote. To put it another way, citing Wiesel: The "How" of the Holocaust is far easier to grasp than the "Why."

Peter Hayes, a Northwestern University professor emeritus, in his book "Why? Explaining the Holocaust," wrote that Nazi Germany existed in a feedback loop of hate. The regime of Adolf Hitler created "an ideological echo chamber in which leaders constantly harped on the threat the Jews supposedly constituted and the need for Germans to defend themselves against it." Again, that better explains how the Holocaust happened than why.

Why Auschwitz? Because the Nazis decided. They identified a religious minority group who were contributors to European society yet outsiders, and declared them to be enemies — vermin to be eradicated because decimating a scapegoat can be advantageous. Six million European Jews died.

Why Auschwitz? There is no logical explanation, so there cannot be a satisfying answer. But the more we reflect on the Holocaust — the more we ask "Why?" — the closer we may come to understanding hate and recognizing inhumanity. Then maybe one day we can eradicate it.

A version of this editorial first appeared in the Chicago Tribune.

LETTERS

Smoke-free parks promote healthy living

We go to parks to play with our kids, to participate in sports, or to relax and enjoy the outdoors. Creating smoke-free parks is a way for communities to make outdoor spaces even more conducive to healthy living.

By passing a law to create smoke-free parks, a city or county can take an important step to encourage healthy behaviors and make parks places where people can expect to be free from secondhand smoke. Smoke-free environments also help adults model healthy behavior for kids and can encourage people who smoke to smoke less or even quit.

Nationwide smoking bans are on the rise. Research shows that bans decrease the overall number of cigarettes people smoke and, in some cases, actually result in people quitting.

Local governments have the legal right to adopt laws to protect residents' health and safety. This authority enables communities to adopt smoke-free laws to reduce exposure to harmful secondhand tobacco smoke.

Smoking restrictions do not discriminate against people who smoke. There are no constitutional guarantees allowing a person to smoke wherever she or he wishes.

We need to let our local legislators be aware of our concern about the dangers of secondhand smoke breathed into our lungs. We especially need to protect our children by keeping all outside public areas smoke-free. Call them today.

By Dan Gray
Director, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition

HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2020. There are 335 days left in the year.

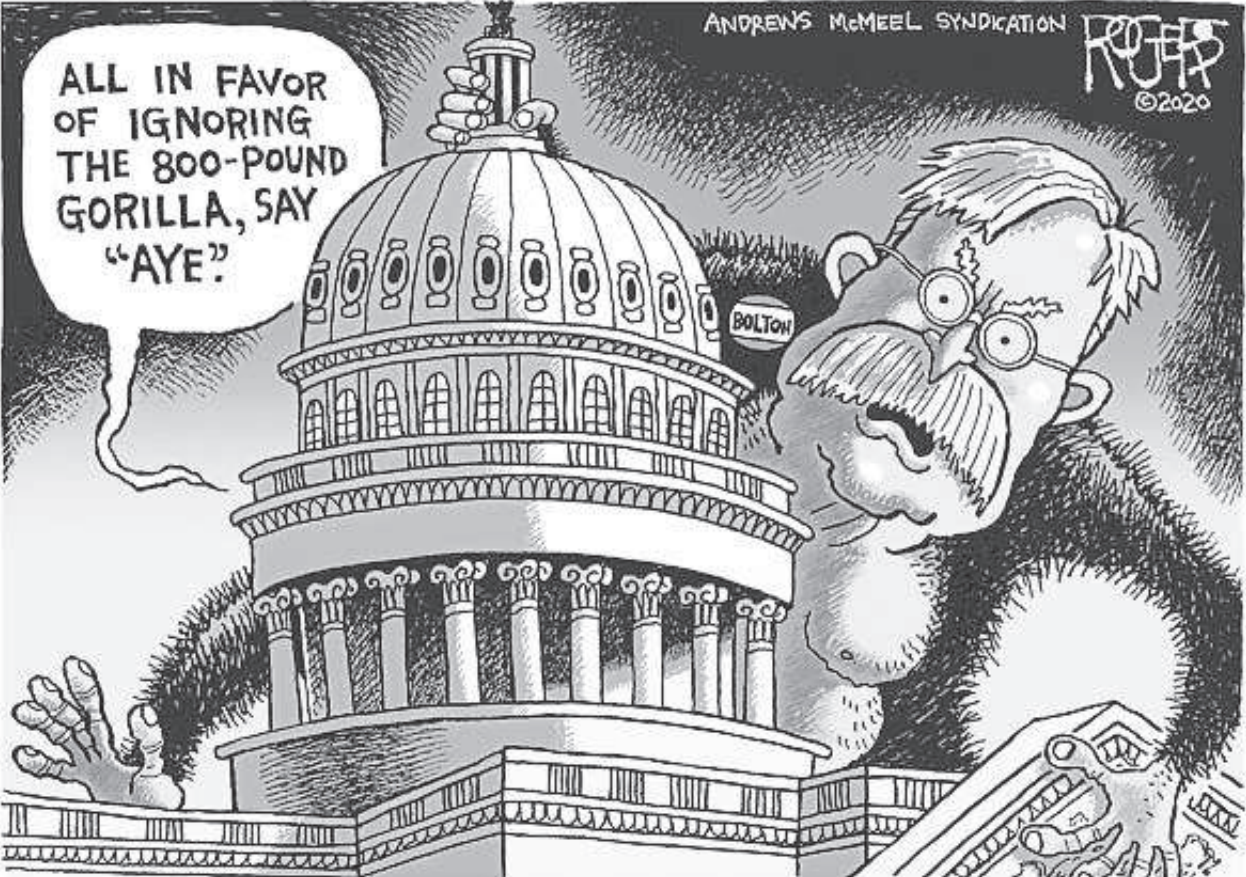
Highlight in history:

On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite, Explorer 1, from Cape Canaveral.

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, the First South Carolina Volunteers, an all-black Union regiment composed of many escaped slaves, was mustered into federal service at Beaufort, South Carolina.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.



Hospital monopolies are an urgent legislative problem

Since the end of the Great Recession, more than a quarter of economic growth in Indiana has been swallowed by ballooning health-care cost growth. Our healthcare spending is a clear national outlier, ranking only behind Alaska. Since the end of the Great Recession, increased

healthcare costs absorbed a stunning one-third of growth in Hoosier family incomes. For about half of Indiana families, just the extra cost of healthcare monopoly prices is more than their combined property and income taxes.

One effect of this is that for a decade, Indiana's economy grew at only half the pace of the nation as a whole. Healthcare cost growth is a top three leading cause of our dismal economic recovery, and a drag on Hoosier families and businesses.

Of course, higher healthcare costs have helped one part of our economy. The most

profitable industry in Indiana is the not-for-profit healthcare sector. For example, one well-known not-for-profit network in the state earned \$25,000 in profit per employee in 2019. That'll be about a billion dollars in 2019, even after their generous \$500 per worker year-end bonus.

The healthcare lobby wants you to believe that they are so profitable because Hoosiers are much less healthy than other Americans. That is condescending and pompous nonsense. While there's plenty of need for better health among our state's population, the cost problem in Indiana healthcare is due primarily to monopoly pricing among our state's large not-for-profit networks.

Thankfully, the General Assembly is taking action and there are several bills designed to weaken the monopoly power of hospitals. While these bills are nowhere near enough to remedy the problem, the most promising is a bill requiring broad healthcare price transparency. This legislation would require every transaction, from every medical facility to be reported

to an independent contractor who will report prices online for all the world to see. The law would also end gag rules that prevent price information from making it to consumers, businesses, insurance companies and competitors.

Monopoly hospital systems tremble at the prospect of this. The very basis of their ability to create and sustain their monopolies comes from withholding competitive pricing information from the people who pay medical bills — insurers, businesses and families. They are also worried about another part of this bill that would require non-profit hospital boards to hold semi-annual public meetings to discuss rising cost.

This bill is not a panacea. Few of us consumers will be able to pick and choose our healthcare according to price. What the price transparency bill will accomplish, is to pull back the veil of ignorance about pricing that Indiana's hospital monopolies have exploited over the past two decades. The bill also helps remind somnolent not-for-profit hospital board members

about their obligations under the state's non-profit law. It will also force them to answer questions in the communities in which they live.

Of course, this bill has not passed, and hospital lobbyists are busy trying to weaken it to the point of irrelevancy. It remains to be seen if this much first step will come to pass this year. Still, that won't be enough to shield Indiana from painful national scrutiny over the monopolization of its healthcare markets. As one political consultant told me, it would be political malpractice to ignore Indiana's healthcare cost crisis in the midst of a national election. To put this in context, the New York Times has been far more aggressive about reporting Indiana hospital monopolies than any media outlet in the state.

Perhaps the most interesting legislation of the session involves "surprise billing." For those of you who don't know, surprise billing is what often happens on vacation. Many of you have experienced taking a kid to a local clinic away from your local hospital for something routine, like an

ear infection only to be billed the equivalent of a year of car payments. Two proposed bills would cap the price a provider can charge in such 'out of network' cases.

This bill offers plain, old-fashioned price controls. This is a stunning, if unwitting, admission that the current efforts to deliver reasonable market-based healthcare in Indiana have failed miserably. Of course, the hospital lobby opposes the heart of this bill. That is a cynical and myopic view of a very real healthcare problem that will worsen in the years to come.

Michael J. Hicks, PhD, is the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and the George and Frances Ball distinguished professor of economics in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University. Hicks earned doctoral and master's degrees in economics from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor's degree in economics from Virginia Military Institute. He has authored two books and more than 60 scholarly works focusing on state and local public policy, including tax and expenditure policy and the impact of Wal-Mart on local economies.

Key questions asked during impeachment trial

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There were questions about quid pro quos and whistleblowers, the Constitution and an unpublished book.

Senators in President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial posed dozens of questions to White House lawyers and to House Democrats prosecuting the case. The questions, written on paper and read aloud by Chief Justice John Roberts, provided a window into the thinking of senators who until now had been silent inside the chamber.

A look at some of the more notable exchanges:

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER, D-N.Y.: “Is there any way for the Senate to render a fully informed verdict in this case without hearing the testimony of Bolton, Mulvaney and the other key eyewitnesses, or without seeing the relevant documentary evidence?”

■ This was the first Democratic question of the evening and it encapsulated the principal unresolved issue of the impeachment trial: Will there

be enough votes to allow witnesses?

Democrats are clamoring to hear from John Bolton, the former Trump administration national security adviser who writes in a forthcoming book that Trump wanted to withhold military aid from Ukraine until it helped with investigations into Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden. They also asked multiple questions about White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, who bluntly acknowledged a quid pro quo with Ukraine at a news conference last year.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the chief House prosecutor, said there was no way to have a complete trial without documents or witnesses. Referring back to an earlier question about the president’s motives, Schiff told senators they had a chance to hear from a witness who could provide first-hand testimony on motive. He told them they didn’t need to wait for the book’s March release.

Pat Philbin, the deputy White House counsel, said inviting new witnesses into the trial would create a dangerous precedent and leave the

Senate “effectively paralyzed for months on end” because it would have to do investigative work the House never did.

SEN. PATRICK LEAHY, D-VT.: “The president’s counsel argues that there was no harm done, that the aid was ultimately released to Ukraine, the president met with Zelenskyy at the UN in September and that this president has treated Ukraine more favorably than his predecessors. What is your response?”

■ This question to House managers sought to tee up a rebuttal to a White House defense that Democrats have derisively referred to as the “no harm/no foul” argument but that has clearly resonated with Republican senators.

Since the aid was released without Ukraine ever announcing an investigation into the Bidens, was there anything really improper about the whole affair?

The answer is yes, at least according to Democratic Rep. Val Demings, who pointed out that it took the work of Congress to ensure that Ukraine “didn’t miss out on” the aid to which it was entitled.

“There was harm and there was foul, and let us not forget that Ukraine is not an enemy,” Demings said. “They’re not an adversary, they are our friends.”

SEN. SUSAN COLLINS, R-MAINE, AND SEN. LISA MURKOWSKI, R-ALASKA: “Before Vice President Biden formally entered the 2020 presidential race in April 2019, did President Trump ever mention Joe or Hunter Biden in connection with corruption in Ukraine to former Ukrainian President (Petro) Poroshenko or other Ukrainian officials, President Trump’s Cabinet members or top aides, or others. If so, what did the president say, to whom, and when?”

■ This question was important not only for the content but for the questioners.

Both Republicans are being closely watched for their views on witnesses and acquittal, though they’ve been reluctant to publicly telegraph much.

But in this question, they’re testing one of the Trump legal team’s most persistent defenses — that Trump’s request for Ukraine to conduct investigations wasn’t limited to Biden,

but reflected his broader concerns about corruption in the former Soviet republic.

Philbin said he was limited to what was in the record put forward by the House.

“I can’t point to something in the record that shows President Trump at an earlier time mentioning specifically something related to Joe or Hunter Biden,” he added. “It is in the record that he spoke to President Poroshenko twice about corruption in the Ukraine, both in June of 2017 and again in September of 2017.”

Hours later, a Democrat, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, re-upped the question, as if to press the point.

SEN. TED CRUZ, R-TEXAS: “As a matter of law, does it matter if there was a quid pro quo? Is it true quid pro quos are often used in foreign policy?”

■ This question was important because it appeared to say “so what?” to the central allegation of the impeachment case — that Trump had made military aid contingent on Ukraine investigating Biden.

Cruz’s question suggested that people could accept

Bolton’s reported account — that Trump wanted to tie up the money until Ukraine announced the investigations — and nonetheless reject it as irrelevant.

It also set off a compelling back-and-forth between Trump attorney Alan Dershowitz and Schiff. Dershowitz said many elected officials equate their election with public good, and so long as they’re not motivated solely by personal financial gain, they shouldn’t be challenged on their motive.

“That’s why it’s so dangerous to try to psychoanalyze a president,” Dershowitz said.

Schiff appeared stunned, invoking a hypothetical in which Democratic President Barack Obama asked Russia to dig up dirt on 2012 opponent Mitt Romney in exchange for the U.S. withholding aid to Ukraine.

“All quid pro quos are not the same,” Schiff retorted. Some might be acceptable, some not. “And you don’t need to be a mind reader to figure out which is which. For one thing, you can ask John Bolton.”

Tricky trade-offs for states in Trump’s new Medicaid offer

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration Thursday offered states more control over Medicaid spending for some of their poorest residents, but first governors must accept a limit on how much the feds kick in.

That’s a potentially tricky deal for states facing rising costs in the federal-state health program for low-income people. Although Oklahoma’s Republican governor quickly embraced the concept, it’s unclear how many others will follow.

With President Donald Trump already getting poor marks from the public for his handling of health care, the Medicaid plan is likely to provide more election-year talking points for Democrats. It dovetails with Trump administration efforts to restrain spending on other programs that help the poor, including food stamps and housing assistance.

Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services, said the idea behind the administration’s “Healthy Adult Opportunity” is to improve the quality of care for the poor while controlling costs.

But the American Medical Association and a professional society representing cancer doctors warned against limits on Medicaid financing, and advocates for low-income people said the administration wants to weaken the social safety net.

Prominent Democratic lawmakers suggested Trump doesn’t have the legal authority to make states such an offer, and a public advocacy law firm said it’s weighing a lawsuit.

As unveiled by Verma, the complex block grant proposal would be a first step to changing a longstanding financial arrangement between Washington and the states. The federal share of Medicaid is now open-ended, meaning that a state is at least partly protected from unpleasant surprises like a new, \$300,000 prescription drug or an economic downturn that swells enrollment.

Outlined in a letter from

Verma to state Medicaid directors, the deal is optional for states. To get it, they’d have to apply for a federal waiver.

Its scope would be restricted to coverage for so-called “able-bodied” adults under 65. A state could not put nursing home residents, disabled people, or very low-income pregnant women and children into the new plan. The federal government would not limit its Medicaid contribution for these groups, considered the most sensitive.

“Our focus ... is to change the whole paradigm and to reset the framework of how we’re working with states,” said Verma. “We are providing them this up-front flexibility and the federal government is in the role of monitoring the program.”

In exchange for operating under a fixed federal allocation, states, among other things, would be able to:

■ Limit what prescription drugs and benefits will be covered, within certain guidelines.

■ Waive a current Medicaid benefit that allows a low-income person to get retroactive coverage for medical care going back three months.

■ Use copays to steer Medicaid recipients to services that are deemed to have the highest value.

■ Share in savings with the federal government, under certain conditions.

■ Require Medicaid recipients to work, get schooling and training, or volunteer in their communities.

One potential twist is whether GOP-led states that have refused the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid expansion would be more receptive under the terms proposed by the administration. For example, Oklahoma voters will get to decide on a Medicaid expansion ballot initiative this year, and Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt has expressed interest in a block grant as part of an alternative approach.

Stitt spoke at the formal presentation of the Trump plan, calling it a “game-changer” and saying his administration will get to work immediately on its

proposal.

State officials in Tennessee also welcomed the idea.

Verma said the plan could raise the bar on medical care for the poor. States would have to agree to report a series of health indicators as a condition of participating.

“If a state set up something that was onerous ... that would be an impetus for the federal government to take action,” she said.

Medicaid is a \$600 billion federal-state program that covers about 70 million low-income people, from elderly nursing home residents to many newborns. President Barack Obama’s health care law gave states the option of expanding it. Most states have done so, covering millions more able-bodied adults. Polls show the program has widespread public support.

Early on as a presidential candidate Trump promised to protect Medicaid. “Every Republican wants to do a big number on Social Security, they want to do it on Medicare, they want to do it on Medicaid,” he said at a 2015 event in New Hampshire. “And we can’t do that.”

Medicaid promises faded away as Trump’s campaign advanced. Once elected, he sought deep cuts to the program as part of the failed GOP effort to repeal “Obamacare.” Trump’s budgets have continued to call for broad limits on the federal share of Medicaid.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that after failing to repeal the Obama law, the administration is now trying to “cap and cut” Medicaid.

Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the ranking Democrat on the committee that oversees Medicaid, said naming the program the Healthy Adult Opportunity “should be highlighted as a triumph of Orwellian branding.”

“This approach is a gross distortion of the Medicaid program and in defiance of congressional intent,” Wyden said in a statement. Verma said the Medicaid law allows for state waivers to promote experimentation, and the plan does not cross any red lines set by Congress.

UN agency declares global emergency over virus from China

By KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING — The World Health Organization declared the outbreak sparked by a new virus in China that has been exported to more than a dozen countries as a global emergency Thursday after the number of cases spiked tenfold in a week.

The U.N. health agency defines an international emergency as an “extraordinary event” that constitutes a risk to other countries and requires a coordinated international response.

China first informed WHO about cases of the new virus in late December. To date, China has reported more than 7,800 cases including 170 deaths. Eighteen other countries have since reported cases, as scientists race to understand how exactly the virus is spreading and how severe it is.

Experts say there is significant evidence the virus is spreading among people in China and have noted with concern several instances in other countries — including the United States, France, Japan, Germany, Canada and Vietnam — where there have also been isolated cases of human-to-human transmission.

The case in France is a doctor who was in contact with a patient with the new virus and later became infected himself. The doctor is now being treated in an isolated room at a Paris hospital. Outbreak specialists worry that the spread of new viruses from patients to health workers can signal the virus is becoming adapted to human transmission.

A declaration of a global emergency typically brings more money and resources, but may also prompt nervous governments to restrict travel and trade to affected countries. The announcement also imposes more disease reporting requirements on countries.

On Thursday, China raised the death toll to 170 and more countries reported infections, including

some spread locally, as foreign evacuees from China’s worst-hit region returned home to medical tests and even isolation.

Russia announced it was closing its 2,600-mile border with China, joining Mongolia and North Korea in barring crossings to guard against a new viral outbreak. It had been de facto closed because of the Lunar New Year holiday, but Russian authorities said the closure would be extended until March 1.

Train traffic between the countries was halted except for one train connecting Moscow and Beijing, but air traffic between the two countries continued, at least for now. Russia has not confirmed any cases of the virus.

Meanwhile, the United States and South Korea confirmed their first cases of person-to-person spread of the virus. The man in the U.S. is married to a 60-year-old Chicago woman who got sick from the virus after she returned from a trip to Wuhan, the Chinese city that is the epicenter of the outbreak.

There have been cases reported of the infectious virus spreading to others in a household or workplace in China and elsewhere. The case in South Korea was a 56-year-old man who had contact with a patient who was diagnosed with the new virus earlier.

The new virus has now infected more people in China than were sickened there during the 2002-2003 outbreak of SARS, a cousin of the new virus.

The latest figures for mainland China show an increase of 38 deaths and 1,737 cases for a total of 7,736 confirmed cases. Of the new deaths, 37 were in Hubei province, of which Wuhan is the capital, and one was in the southwestern province of Sichuan. Outside China, there are 82 infections in 18 countries, according to WHO.

China extended its Lunar New Year holiday to Sunday to try to keep people home, but the wave of returning travelers could potentially cause the virus to spread further.

Gulf Arabs back Trump’s Mideast efforts, but not peace plan

By AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A tectonic shift in relations quietly underway for years now was on full display as representatives of Gulf Arab states attended President Donald Trump’s unveiling this week of an Israeli-Palestinian plan that heavily sides with Israel and all but crushes Palestinian aspirations.

The audience at the White

House, when Trump presented the plan alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, included Christian Zionist leaders and staunch pro-Israel supporters, such as Republican party donor Sheldon Adelson. Rounding out the crowd were ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman, who posed for a photo at the White House ceremony for the plan, which Palestinians have outright rejected.

For the Arab perspective, however, Saudi Arabia’s reaction was the one most closely watched. The kingdom expressed support for the Trump administration’s efforts, but did not send its ambassador to attend the ceremony.

The Saudi response was also significant for what it didn’t say — the kingdom did not endorse the plan, but also made no explicit mention of long-held Arab demands for a Palestinian state on occupied

land with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Rather, Saudi Arabia encouraged Palestinians to start “direct peace negotiations,” essentially urging the Palestinians to accept the White House’s framework as the starting point for talks.

“The Saudis crafted their message to appeal to two audiences: their domestic public and the Trump administration,” Kristin Diwan Smith, a scholar at the Arab Gulf

States Institute in Washington, said. Their formal statement, she said, does nothing to offend Trump or deter the Israelis.

With the exception of Kuwait, all Gulf Arab countries have engaged in outreach with Israel or pro-Israeli figures in recent years. The effort has accelerated as Saudi Arabia and Israel share a common threat in Iran.

Avi Berkowitz, a White House staffer intimately in-

volved in drafting the plan, immediately thanked Saudi Arabia for its statement. In five separate tweets, he shared the Saudi response, as well as an article on the conservative Fox News network that carried the headline: “Saudi Arabia backs US-Israel efforts to achieve Mideast peace.” That tweet was shared by Trump’s daughter Ivanka Trump, whose husband Jared Kushner was the chief architect of the plan.

Worship

The meaning of the word ‘courage’

By **ROBB RENSBERGER**
Pastor, Wabash First Church of God

When you read the word courage, the Cowardly Lion in the “Wizard of Oz” is probably one of the characters you think of first. The lion wanted courage and there have been many people throughout the ages who were also searching for it. Some of them found it, but some did not.

There are many stories in books and movies of people who acted courageously. The time came when they were faced with a decision and they acted with courage. Up to that point they might have felt or thought that they did not have any.

There are well-known speeches that have inspired courage. There are real-life speeches like Winston Churchill’s about never surrendering to the Nazis and FDR’s after the attack on Pearl Harbor. There are also speeches from movies, like Aragorn’s battle speech toward the end of “Return of the King” and William Wallace’s freedom speech in “Braveheart.” These words inspire and give courage.

All through our lives, we need courage – courage to ride a bike without training

wheels, courage to stand in the batter’s box and swing at a pitch, courage to ask that pretty girl if she likes you, courage to answer that boy who gives you a note to check if you like him or not, courage to stand up to a bully, courage to dance or sing in front of others, courage to interview for a job, courage to propose and courage to accept, courage to practice tough love with your children, courage to watch your parents grow old, courage to stand up and fight for what you feel is right, courage to face cancer, courage to say I love you, courage to confess and ask for forgiveness, courage to show mercy and forgive, courage to die for another.

I have not always been as courageous as I wanted to be or thought that I was. There have been many times I have had to make a decision that took courage and instead of making the courageous choice, I chickened out. I have found though, if I ask God for courage, he gives it to me. I still have to decide if I will be and make the right choice. I am the one who has to do it, but God is there with me, helping me, giving me the courage if I will take it.

When I do make a courageous choice, it is not always smooth sailing after that but in the long run, my life is better for it. On the other hand, if I chicken out, my life is usually better for the moment but later my mental and emotional state, and sometimes even my physical body, take a beating.

Being courageous is hard. Living courageously is even harder. When you enter into a relationship with God, through Jesus, you enter a life that requires courage. It takes courage to share your faith and to live it every day, it takes courage to be humble, it takes courage to forgive and to ask for forgiveness, it takes courage to show mercy, it takes courage to love, even those who do not love you.

But as I have already said, if we will ask God for courage, he will give it to us. This does not mean we will have all that we need for now and the future; no, each situation calls for renewed courage – courage from God.

I am thankful that God answers my prayers for courage and I am also thankful that he forgives me when I do not use what he gave me and chicken out.

Asbury Country Church
On Sunday, Feb. 2 at Asbury Country Church the Sunday school is 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader will be Amy Bullick. The music leader will be Roger Marine. The piano will be played by Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be, “How Do We Look at the Cross?”

Christ United Methodist Church
At the 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., Pastor Chris Tiedeman’s sermon is from Micah 6:1-8 titled, “What Now?” Check us out at wabashchrist umc.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Christ UMCWabash/.

Dora Christian Church
On Sunday, Feb. 2 worship services at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. The message for the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services in our January “Loving

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Like You Mean It” Series will be “Before You Say ‘I Do’” from Genesis 2:18-25. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. Children’s Church at the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Randall and Linda Good.

First United Methodist Church
On Sunday, Feb. 2, Communion Sunday, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the prelude and postlude will be by Kathy Geible, and the opening prayer children’s message and scripture reading will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, the scripture will be Matthew 28:16-20, the sermon series will be “Visions of Success” and the sermon by Pastor Nathan Whybrew will be, “The Mission Shapes the Vision.” At the 10 a.m. service, the prelude will be by Kathy Geible, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Denise Stouffer, the music will be by the Chancel Choir, and the postlude will be by Susan Vanlandingham. Visit us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/wabasfirstumc/.


Wabash First Church of God
At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 service, Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “Abram/Abraham: A Man of Fear. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Tina Eakright, special music; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church
At the Sunday, Feb. 2 services at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children’s worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Maury and Mim Musselman, and Roger and Debbie Cook. Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at www.walkbyfaith communitychurch.com.

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Facing the ties between ‘pro-life’ issues

It’s hard to talk about the horrors of human trafficking – including young women and children forced into the sex trade – without mentioning the I-10 corridor across northern Florida and over to California.

Terry Mattingly


Florida and California are in the top three on the list of U.S. states involved in human trafficking cases, according to Florida State University’s Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. Any realistic discussion of this crisis has to include women, children, poverty, prostitution and crisis pregnancies.

“There are so many overlapping issues in all of this. But you know you’re dealing with abused women and, often, their pregnancies,” said Ashlyn Portero, co-executive director of City Church in Tallahassee, Florida, which has two campuses close to I-10. “Churches that want to help can start right there. ... When you see those connections, you know you’re talking about issues that fall under the pro-life umbrella.”

Thus, human trafficking is an issue that “pro-life” reli-

gious leaders in Tallahassee, as well as many other urban areas, need to face if they want to minister to women in crisis pregnancies and their children, she added. The problem is that tackling this issue also involves talking – or even preaching – about subjects that many people will call “political” in a state like Florida. Take immigration, for example.

Timing is crucial. Thousands of Americans have just attended the annual March For Life, which is linked to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1973 legalizing abortion. This year’s march in Washington, D.C., was on Jan. 24.

“When people come back from something like the March For Life, lots of them will be asking, ‘What can we do now?’ They want to do something practical,” said Portero. “But these issues all seem so big and complex. It’s hard to know where to start, in terms of ministries that will help real people.”

One thing is certain: Nothing happens in a typical church without clear communication through preaching. That’s where things can get tricky.

“In today’s political atmosphere, almost anything that you say can seem like a

‘hot take,’ and you can get pigeon-holed by something taken out of context,” said Portero. “But that’s why preaching is so important. A sermon is the one place where you can lay out the biblical reasons for your people to get involved in these kinds of issues. ...

“You can go deeper than a quick comment that people can misunderstand, because you have the time to show that what we’re talking about is crucial to the Christian life – it’s more than politics,” she said.

Few churches have enough members or the financial resources to start a full-scale crisis pregnancy center, she said. But that doesn’t mean laypeople can’t be encouraged to step forward as volunteers and donors at existing centers. They also need to know they can get involved on a host of issues ranging from adoption to foster-care programs, from efforts to help needy immigrants to work addressing human trafficking.

Sunday school classes for kids can take part in drives to collect diapers, baby blankets and clothing for infants and toddlers. Adult classes can raise money to help purchase ultrasound units for crisis-pregnancy centers, through programs such as the Psalm 139 Proj-

ect (“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb”) organized by the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Families can donate car seats. People with financial skills can teach classes for single mothers trying to handle jobs, day care and tight budgets. Lawyers can volunteer to assist with adoption papers. Doctors can donate a few hours to help with prenatal care.

Just because “your church doesn’t have a full-blown orphan care ministry complete with its own budget and staff” doesn’t mean that it “isn’t fulfilling the commands of scripture,” wrote Portero in an essay for the ERLC after last year’s March For Life.

“However, if we find that we are caring for our members without equipping them to live on mission, then we need to reevaluate. What’s more, if we find that our ministries are catering to the comfort and satisfaction of our church members and not to reaching out to a lost culture around us, then it’s time to repent.”

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Surrogacy, exploitation and tragedy

Rachel weeps. That biblical mother weeping for her children is all I could think of when I heard that a California woman named Michelle Reaves had died in childbirth. She had been serving for the second time as a surrogate for a family.

Kathryn Lopez


And while the baby was born, Reaves, a wife and mother of two, did not survive. Meanwhile, Lady Gaga has reportedly declared her desire to become a mother by adoption or surrogacy – a story that generated far more buzz than the tragic death of Reaves. Of course, adoption and surrogacy are very different things. In adoption, you are really placing the needs of a child above your own. In surrogacy, you are having your desires met in a way that we really haven’t fully considered ethically, morally or medically. Just because it can be done, should it be?

Jennifer Lahl, a nurse who is the founder and president of the Center for Bioethics and Culture Network, told me that there are targeted internet ads offering \$85,000 to California women to be a surrogate. You can imagine the temptation for a woman in need, believing that she can give the gift of life to another, when, in fact, she may just be being exploited. The inability to have a child the old-fashioned way can be the deepest heartache of one’s life, of a couple’s life, together. No one is denying that. But reproductive technology has become an industry, and who has protection of all human lives in view in the transaction?

Lahl recently worked with feminist Gloria Steinem to help educate people about the dangers of surrogacy. Being a surrogate can be risky, more risky than natural pregnancy, because of all the foreign elements being introduced into the body. It’s all quite new, but when a woman is being offered significant amounts of money, she is likely to overlook the dangers, which may be being downplayed to her anyway.

Reaves’ death deserves

to be a major news story. Especially considering that just days ago, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo urged that a ban on surrogacy in his state be repealed, saying in his State of the State address: “New York’s surrogacy ban is based in fear, not love, and it’s past time we updated our antiquated laws to help LGBTQ couples and people struggling with fertility use commonplace reproductive technology to start families.”

In a June letter to Cuomo, Steinem and others said: “Our opposition to this bill emerges from our conviction that the legalization of commercial surrogacy contracts in New York state will undermine women’s control over their bodies, thwart women’s reproductive rights, render women vulnerable to reproductive trafficking and exploitation and further subordinate and harm women, especially those who are economically disadvantaged, in our state.”

As Ed Mechmann, a lawyer and the director of public policy for the Archdiocese of New York, notes: “The standard surrogacy contracts impose all sorts of obligations on the ‘carrier,’ and there is a severe penalty if she doesn’t comply – if she violates any provision, she forfeits any payment under the agreement and has to reimburse the ‘parents’ for any of their expenses. This could entail tens of thousands of dollars in penalties and lost income. How is it ‘progressive’ to treat women this way?”

If we really want to be progressive, why don’t we make adoption and foster care priorities? I’d love for a leader in American politics to do that today, how about you? Many an American heart is longing for someone who could bring two sides of a contentious debate together for the common good.

Surrogacy is dangerous territory, and there are children out there whose lives would be saved by adoption. Can we talk about this before we plunge deeper into treating life – and women’s wombs – as a commodity?

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Sanders defines a Jewish identity his way on the 2020 election trail

By **ELANA SCHOR**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernie Sanders is approaching next week’s Iowa caucuses in a position to become the first major-party Jewish presidential nominee in the nation’s history. And at a time of resurgent anti-Semitism, he’s talking in more depth about how his faith shapes his broader worldview.

Soon after the one-year anniversary of the massacre at Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue, Sanders penned a column on combating anti-Semitism that outlined how his family’s history underpins his commitment to fight bigotry. After five New York Jews were stabbed while celebrating Hanukkah last month, Sanders used an Iowa menorah-lighting stop to connect his immigrant father’s journey to America, “fleeing anti-Semitism and fleeing violence,” to ideals he described as imperiled by attacks on Jews – and other

minority groups.

Just last week, Sanders tweeted a video featuring his campaign’s Jewish outreach director, Joel Rubin, discussing the Vermont senator’s “intrinsically Jewish values.”

Sanders has described his pride in being Jewish since his first Democratic presidential run in 2016. But he’s known more for detaching from organized religion than embracing faith, and his model of Jewish American candidacy – aligning with “the tradition of Jewish social justice” while criticizing Israeli government policy toward Palestinians – breaks the mold cast by observant Jew Joseph Lieberman, the Democrats’ vice-presidential nominee 20 years ago.

Sanders’ increased engagement with his Jewishness comes as a Democratic super PAC unveils a six-figure ad campaign in Iowa challenging his candidacy and raising questions about his health.

Sanders “doesn’t buy into that concept of anti-Semitism

and Jewish identity as defined by Israel,” said Rubin, who joined the campaign earlier this month, in an interview.

The 78-year-old democratic socialist connected his Jewishness to his liberal policies during remarks last fall to J Street, a progressive Jewish American group whose conference drew five Democratic presidential candidates.

“If there’s any group on earth that should be trying to bring people together around a common and progressive agenda, it is the Jewish people,” Sanders said, adding that he believes in Israel’s “right to exist in peace and security” and would extend the same right to Palestinians.

Sanders later raised a topic that promises to complicate his unifying vision of Jewish American values. Blasting conservative Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, he told the audience: “It is not anti-Semitism to say that the Netanyahu government has been racist.”

Sanders is hardly alone

among Democrats in opposing Netanyahu’s bid to annex West Bank settlements. But if Sanders prevails in the crowded Democratic presidential field – which includes moderate Jewish rival Michael Bloomberg – he’ll face a president in Donald Trump whose messages about anti-Semitism and Jewish identity are closely connected to the Israeli government.

Trump signed an executive order last month that stoked debate over when criticism of Israel crosses the line into anti-Semitism. The president also continues to embrace Netanyahu, releasing a Middle East peace plan alongside him on Tuesday, and last year said Jews who vote for Democrats are disloyal to their religion as well as Israel.


If Sanders is pitted against Trump, who would court Jewish votes as an ally of Netanyahu’s government, the senator would have to carve out more nuanced terrain as a proud Jewish critic of that government.



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD


Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

BAPTIST


Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available.

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses 9:30am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm.

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available.


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship.

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 **Wabash Christian Church**, 110 W Hill Street. Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister. (260) 563-4179. Worship 9:30am. Sunday School 11am. Nursery provided.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


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LUTHERAN

 **Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org


Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **First United Methodist Church**, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostettler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director.

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Each child is unique. Though he may look like his mother or act like his father, his particular combination of traits is unlike any other. Each child needs to know that he may not be an athlete like his brother or an A student like his sister, but he is appreciated for the good qualities he has. A child develops self-worth from many sources – parents, grandparents, and teachers. God’s Word teaches him that he is special and loved. Let your child know that God loves him, that he is unique and irreplaceable. Bring your family to worship each week and feel God’s love at work.

Daily Bible Reading						
Acts 5:17-42	Acts 6:1-15	Acts 7:1-22	Acts 7:23-43	Acts 7:44-8:3	Acts 8:4-25	Leviticus 19:1-18
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Hummer is making a comeback, but this time it’s electric

By **TOM KRISHER**
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The Hummer, once a gas-guzzling target for environmentalists, is making a comeback. But this time around it won’t burn fuel or spew greenhouse gases.

General Motors announced Thursday that it will start selling a battery-powered Hummer pickup truck in September of 2021. At least part of the new Hummer will be shown in a 30-second television ad featuring basketball star LeBron James during the second quarter of Sunday’s Super Bowl.

GM gave only a few details about the truck, which will be unveiled officially on May 20. It will have a huge battery to generate the equivalent of 1,000 horsepower, and will be able to go from zero to 60 mph (in three seconds). The Hummer also will produce 11,500 foot pounds of torque, a measure of rotational force that indicates a high towing capacity.

The truck will be sold under the GMC brand as the Hummer EV. The new version will have similar design elements but will not look like the Hummer of the past, said GM spokeswoman Michelle Malcho.

GM wouldn’t reveal the price or say how far the new truck can go on a single charge of its battery.

Although the electric Hummer truck is expected to be a large vehicle and its efficiency isn’t yet known, it’s still very likely it will pollute less than a comparable gas-powered truck, said David Reichmuth, a senior engineer with the Union of Concerned Scientists.

It’s also good that GM is putting an electric vehicle in a more popular part of the U.S. auto market, he said. “Having electric vehicles in other segments besides smaller hatchbacks, that’s a

promising sign,” he said. Research shows that in most of the country – even areas more reliant on dirtier coal-fired power plants – electric cars still pollute less than similar gasoline vehicles, Reichmuth said. And that will continue to improve as the electric grid shifts more toward renewable energy from solar panels and windmills, he added.

Even though the truck is electric, GM likely will be able to attract former Hummer buyers if it delivers on promises of power and speed, said Sam Abuelsamid, an analyst for Navigant Research. At 1,000 horsepower, the new Hummer would be the most powerful production vehicle GM has ever made, he said.

“I don’t know that the people who bought Hummers 15 years ago would necessarily be turned off by the fact that it’s electric,” he said. “What they wanted was the big kind of brutish look, at least the perception of go-anywhere capability even if they didn’t go anywhere most of the time.”

The market also could be expanded to affluent “personal use” truck buyers who want to go off the road and spend time in the outdoors, Abuelsamid said.

Abuelsamid said the new Hummer will compete directly with Tesla’s upcoming “Cybertruck,” a futuristic, heavily angled vehicle that will hit the market sometime next year with a starting price of \$39,900. A tri-motor, long-range version will have a base price of \$69,900.

To compete at the lower price, GM will have to offer a version of the Hummer pickup with a smaller battery and less than 1,000 horsepower. Abuelsamid can see GM putting a starting price of \$45,000 on the Hummer and “going up to \$80,000, \$85,000 for the top-end model.”

GM also will have to exceed 300 miles of range on a single charge to compete with Tesla and other manufacturers who plan to roll out electric pickups in the coming years, he said.

GM announced earlier in the week that the truck would be built at a factory in Detroit that was slated to close, but instead will be revamped to become GM’s main producer of electric trucks, and even an autonomous electric shuttle.

The company said it would invest \$2.2 billion to retool the Detroit-Hamtramck plant, which will eventually will employ 2,200 workers.

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Quick Hits

Southwood knocks off Southern Wells

With a balanced offensive attack, the Southwood girls' basketball team earned a 48-36 win at home on Senior Night over Southern Wells. Aleia Sweet had 12 points, Ella Hauptert 10, MaKenna Pace eight and Erin Lehner and Sydney Helfin seven apiece.

Notre Dame men down Wake Forest 90-80, now 12-8

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Notre Dame coach Mike Brey got expected production from T.J. Gibbs and John Mooney but was particularly giddy over the performance of 6-foot-10 reserve Nate Laszewski in Wednesday's 90-80 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Wake Forest.

"We've seen (sophomores) Prentiss (Hubb) and Dane (Goodwin) kind of look like 'here they come,'" Brey said after Notre Dame ended a two-game ACC losing streak and won its first league game at home. "I thought tonight was that night for Nate the way he played."

Laszewski had a season-high 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting including 3-of-5 from behind the 3-point line to add to Gibbs' team-high 23 points and Mooney's 16th double-double of the season of 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Fighting Irish (12-8, 3-6 ACC).

Goodwin added 14 points as the Irish bench had a 32-23 edge over the Demon Deacons (9-11, 2-8), who got a game-high 24 points from Brandon Childress.

Kenin of U.S. ousts No. 1 Barty to reach final

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Sofia Kenin never flinched. Not when she was twice a point from dropping the opening set of her first Grand Slam semifinal at the Australian Open. Not when she was twice a point from dropping the second set, either.

And the American is into her first major final at age 21 -- beating the woman ranked No. 1, Ash Barty, to get there. Now Kenin will need to beat a former No. 1, Garbiñe Muguruza, to grab the trophy.

Kenin saved a total of four set points to stop home hope Barty's bid to give Australia a long-awaited singles championship at Melbourne Park, pulling out a 7-6 (6), 7-5 victory on a stiffling hot Thursday.

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Wabash's Linda Cordes shoots a layup during the fourth quarter of Wednesday's game against Peru

Shorthanded Apaches fall to Peru

By JACOB RUDE
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Down its leading scorer due to illness, the Wabash girls' basketball team on the night became a daunting one. But the Apaches came out of the gates strong, holding a 10-9 lead after one quarter. But as quickly as they built the lead, the hosts ran out of guests as Peru won the second quarter 11-2 and never looked back.

"We came out the whole first half and it took us a while to get going," Peru head coach David Weeks said. "We talked about it at halftime. Courtlynn...made a comment that it seemed like different girls got off the bus because this isn't the girls that have played all season long. We talked about that at halftime and we were able to come out

and play the way we wanted to play and do things offensively and defensively.

"Too many times, we gave them second and third opportunities," he added. "We gave them baseline drives. We got some girls in early foul trouble. It was just a lull to kind of get going. (It was) 20-12 at halftime and, defensively, yeah we stopped them but sometimes we score 20 points in a quarter."

Five separate Apaches combined to score for Wabash in the first period as the hosts held the lead for much of the period and led 10-9 after one. But Carlee Marburger sparked a run to open the second period that saw the guests open a 20-12 by halftime. Wabash did not score a field goal in the second period.

"I thought we played hard," Wabash head coach Matt Stone said. "It's just that first half we didn't get any offense going. You can't score 12 points in a half, right? I thought we played pretty good defense the first half. We didn't play quite as

good defense in the second half but then we did better offensively.

"I'm just disappointed in our man (defense) because we just aren't very good in it and we have to play it every once in awhile and we're trying still. We stayed close enough that I thought we could make a run at them but we couldn't because our man is not very good."

With neither side pleased with the first half, it was the Tigers who raced out in an improved fashion in the second half. Courtlynn Crowe scored seven of the first 10 points of the second half for Peru as the lead quickly grew to 30-14.

"We talked about how we were going to attack their zone because what we were doing earlier, we were settling too much for outside shots," Stone said. "We worked on getting Courtlynn the ball in the middle and you saw how she did her thing. She attacks and gets to the free throw line and she's very good at dishing to others underneath."

The offense hardly ever found a rhythm for Wabash until too late in the second half. Mariah Wyatt and Linda Cordes scored 10 of the 12 Wabash points in the third period.

While the Apaches briefly closed the gap to 12 points to end the third, Peru quickly extended the margin back to 17 points in the fourth quarter at 45-29 as the Apaches find scoring difficult on the night without Short.

"She's our leading scorer so we certainly miss her but then we also didn't hit anything from the outside," Stone said. "So, we're trying to get it inside and now we only have a one-headed monster instead of two. But, also, it certainly would have helped if we knocked down some shots from the outside and opened things up inside. We have to hit shots."

Wabash would eventually put points on the board in the closing minutes of the fourth as Linda Cordes put the finishing touches on

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Hoosiers can't stop No. 24 Penn State

By TRAVIS JOHNSON
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A shaky offensive start won't doom a team that can defend like Penn State has most of this season.

It's why Pat Chambers believes his No. 24 Nittany Lions have a chance to be something special.

Lamar Stevens scored nine of his 17 points in the second half and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Penn State over Indiana 64-49 on Wednesday night.

Curtis Jones Jr. scored 12 points for the Nittany Lions (15-5, 5-4 Big Ten), who recovered from an 11-for-32 first-half shooting skid to pull away and hold Indiana to its worst offensive output of the season. Penn State notched three steals, added three blocks and forced 18 turnovers.

"The fact that they didn't allow missing shots affect their effort on the defensive end, is something I'm going

to focus on," Chambers said. "I still think we can get a lot better. We haven't clicked on all cylinders yet offensively and defensively."

Trayce Jackson-Davis led Indiana with 14 points. Justin Smith scored 13 for the Hoosiers (15-6, 5-5 Big Ten) who lost their second in a row after trailing the entire second half and going pointless for long stretches.

A back-and-forth first half that that featured seven lead changes and ended in a 28-28 tie gave way to a second half that was all Penn State.

The Nittany Lions took control with a 20-7 run in which they held the Hoosiers to just a pair of field goals in just over 11 minutes. Penn State pushed its lead to as many as 20 with 3:01 to play.

Indiana players made just 9 of 28 second-half shots after going 10-for-29 in the first.

"When your offense lets you down like it did tonight, it's going to be tough," In-

diana coach Archie Miller said. "Offensively we were bad. There's not a whole lot to talk about except second half, we just played terrible."

Despite their shooting struggles, the Hoosiers led most of the first half but never by more than three. The Nittany Lions created their first momentum with a 6-0 run that put them up by four with 5:53 left, but their defense was suspect in the final minute.

Davis hit an uncontested jumper to put the Hoosiers back up with 35 seconds left before Dread tipped a ball in on the other end to make it 28-28 at halftime.

But while Penn State shooters found their shots quickly in the second, the Hoosiers got colder.

A DO-OVER

With just under 15 minutes to play, Myles Dread made up for a bad 3-point miss draining a shot from the exact spot 14 seconds lat-

er. Dread, who had shot his right hand an incredulous look after his airball, turned around to find Chambers jumping and pumping his fists and the two shared an intense high five.

HIGHLIGHT REEL

Stevens played a calm, steady game and earned more accolades in the process.

He led Penn State's early second-half surge with five points and continued to climb the program's all-time scoring list. He moved to third all-time in scoring, passing Joe Crispin when he drove the net, slipped through defenders and rolled in a layup to put Penn State up by 11 with 9:09 to play.

Stevens also joined the 800 rebound club in the game.

THE BIG PICTURE

Indiana: The Hoosiers had been on a bit of a tear

See HOOSIERS, page B2

Oladipo spurs late rally as Pacers run

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo opened the night by smiling and waving to Pacers fans in his return from a lengthy absence due to injury. He finished it by walking off the court in tears.

The two-time All-Star capped his first contest in more than a year by making a game-tying 3-pointer with 10 seconds left, and the Indiana Pacers went on to beat Chicago Bulls 115-106 in overtime.

"I just shot it. Mamba mentality, man. Mamba mentality," Oladipo said, his voice cracking. "That's for Kobe (Bryant) and all the people that were on the helicopter."

Oladipo returned for the first time since last January, when he left the court on a stretcher with a ruptured quad tendon in his right knee. He spent the next 12 months fighting his way through what he called excruciating pain.

Before the game, coach Nate McMillan said Oladipo would come off the bench, be limited to 24 minutes and not play in back-to-back games. That will remain the plan until after the All-Star break.

At times, Oladipo understandably looked rusty and out of sync. But when his team needed it most, the Pacers' biggest star delivered on a night full of emotion.

As he sat on the scorer's table with 4:12 left in the first quarter, following a video tribute that featured his long journey back, Bulls coach Jim Boylen walked over and shook Oladipo's hand. When Oladipo entered the game, the roaring sellout crowd held up gold placards that read "Ready 4 Action." Even Bulls players were applauding.

Oladipo scored nine points and had four assists and two rebounds in 21 minutes, going 2 of 8 from the field and 1 of 7 on 3s.

But it was the one 3 that capped a 7-0 rally over the final 2 1/2 minutes of regulation and tied the game, providing the jolt of energy Indiana desperately needed. Malcolm Brogdon scored seven of his 15 points in the extra period.

"We wanted to do it for him," Brogdon said. "We knew how much energy was going to be in the building tonight. There are going to be bumps, but we're going to be able to get through them."

Zach LaVine had one chance to win it with a 7-foot runner at the end of regulation, but he lost the ball on the way up and it rolled out of bounds as the buzzer sounded.

Brogdon took care of the rest.

He scored five points in a 9-2 run to open the overtime then sealed the win with a dunk with 1:16 left. Brogdon had nine rebounds and eight assists. T.J. Warren had 25 points to lead the Pacers.

Chandler Hutchison scored a career-high 21 points for the Bulls. LaVine added 20 for Chicago, which lost its eighth straight in the series.

"He's an elite player and I felt like I gave a pretty good contest," said Hutchison, who was defending Oladipo on the 3. "I just have to make him put it down in that situation when the 3 is the only thing that could tie us. I'm going to learn from it and move on, but he hit a pretty tough shot."

TIP-INS

Bulls: Thaddeus Young scored 16 points and Kristiano Felicio had 11 points and eight rebounds. ... Chicago was 6 of 33 on 3s and had 18 turnovers. The Bulls had a two-game winning streak end and have now lost

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL									
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE									
Conference					All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Louisville	9	1	.900	18	3	.857			
Duke	7	2	.778	17	3	.850			
Florida St.	7	2	.778	17	3	.850			
Virginia	6	4	.600	14	6	.700			
Syracuse	6	4	.600	13	8	.619			
NC State	5	5	.500	14	7	.667			
Virginia Tech	5	5	.500	14	7	.667			
Clemson	5	5	.500	11	9	.550			
Pittsburgh	4	6	.400	13	8	.619			
Boston College	4	6	.400	10	11	.476			
Georgia Tech	4	6	.400	10	11	.476			
Notre Dame	3	6	.333	12	8	.600			
North Carolina	3	6	.333	10	10	.500			
Miami	3	7	.300	11	9	.550			
Wake Forest	2	8	.200	9	11	.450			
Wednesday's Games									
Notre Dame 90, Wake Forest 80									
Louisville 86, Boston College 69									
Saturday's Games									
Georgia Tech at Notre Dame, Noon									
Louisville at NC State, 2 p.m.									
Florida St. at Virginia Tech, 4 p.m.									
Boston College at North Carolina, 6 p.m.									
Duke at Syracuse, 8 p.m.									
Clemson at Wake Forest, 8 p.m.									
BIG TEN CONFERENCE									
Conference					All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Michigan St.	8	2	.800	16	5	.762			
Illinois	7	2	.778	15	5	.750			
Rutgers	7	3	.700	16	5	.762			
Maryland	6	3	.667	16	4	.800			
Iowa	6	3	.667	15	5	.750			
Penn St.	5	4	.556	15	5	.750			
Indiana	5	5	.500	15	6	.714			
Wisconsin	5	5	.500	12	9	.571			
Minnesota	5	5	.500	11	9	.550			
Purdue	4	6	.400	11	10	.524			
Ohio St.	3	6	.333	13	7	.650			
Michigan	3	6	.333	12	8	.600			
Nebraska	2	8	.200	7	14	.333			
Northwestern	1	9	.100	6	14	.300			
Wednesday's Games									
Michigan St. 79, Northwestern 50									
Penn St. 64, Indiana 49									
Thursday's Games									
Minnesota at Illinois									
Iowa at Maryland									
Saturday's Games									
Indiana at Ohio St., Noon									
Michigan St. at Wisconsin, 1 p.m.									
Rutgers vs. Michigan at New York, 4:30 p.m.									
Penn St. at Nebraska, 7 p.m.									
Purdue at Northwestern, 9 p.m.									
BIG EAST CONFERENCE									
Conference					All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Seton Hall	8	0	1.000	16	4	.800			
Villanova	7	1	.875	17	3	.850			
Butler	5	3	.625	17	4	.810			
Creighton	5	3	.625	16	5	.762			
Marquette	5	4	.556	15	6	.714			
Providence	4	4	.500	11	10	.524			
Xavier	2	6	.250	13	8	.619			
Georgetown	2	6	.250	12	9	.571			
St. John's	2	7	.222	13	9	.591			
DePaul	1	7	.125	13	8	.619			
Wednesday's Games									
Seton Hall 64, DePaul 57									
Marquette 84, Xavier 82, 20T									
Saturday's Games									
Xavier at Seton Hall, 11 a.m.									
Creighton at Villanova, Noon									
Providence at Butler, 2 p.m.									
DePaul at Marquette, 2 p.m.									
Wednesday's men's results									
NO. 24 PENN ST. 64, INDIANA 49									
INDIANA (15-6)									
Durham 1-7 2-2 5, Jackson-Davis 5-9 4-4 14, Smith 6-8 0-0 13, Phinisee 0-6 0-0 0, Green 2-10 0-0 4, Davis 2-7 2-2 6, Franklin 0-3 1-2 1, Anderson 0-3 0-0 0, Brunk 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 19-57 9-10 49.									
PENN ST. (15-5)									
Stevens 7-21 3-8 17, Wheeler 2-4 0-0 4, Dread 3-6 1-2 9, M.Jones 2-7 1-2 5, C. Jones 5-9 0-1 12, Harrar 2-3 0-0 4, Watkins 1-7 6-10 8, Lundy 1-3 0-0 3, Brockington 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 24-64 11-23 64.									
Halftime—28-28. 3-Point Goals—Indiana 2-11 (Smith 1-1, Durham 1-3, Franklin 0-1, Phinisee 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Green 0-3), Penn St. 5-18 (C.Jones 2-4, Dread 2-5, Lundy 1-3, Stevens 0-2, M.Jones 0-4), Rebounds—Indiana 40 (Jackson-Davis, Smith 7), Penn St. 34 (Stevens 9), Assists—Indiana 9 (Phinisee 4), Penn St. 12 (Wheeler 5), Total Fouls—Indiana 18, Penn St. 12. A—7,656 (15,261).									
NOTRE DAME 90, WAKE FOREST 80									
WAKE FOREST (9-11)									
Childress 7-14 10 12 34, Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Mucius 5-11 2-2 13, White 3-7 2-3 9, Sarr 7-13 4-6 18, Neath 1-4 0-0 2, Uguma 2-3 0-4 6, Massoud 2-3 0-0 6, Wright 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-60 17-21 80.									
NOTRE DAME (12-8)									
Gibbs 7-13 6-6 23, Hubb 1-11 2-2 5, Mooney 6-15 7-19, Pflueger 2-3 1-2 7, Goodwin 6-11 1-1 14, Laszewski 6-8 3-4 18, Durham 1-2 2-3 4, Diogo 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 29-66 22-25 90.									
Halftime—Wake Forest 41-36. 3-Point Goals—Wake Forest 5-14 (Massoud 2-2, Childress 1-3, White 1-3, Mucius 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Neath 0-1), Notre Dame 10-26 (Laszewski 3-5, Gibbs 3-7, Pflueger 2-3, Goodwin 1-4, Hubb 1-4, Mooney 0-1, Diogo 0-2). Fouled Out—White, Rebounds—Wake Forest 33 (Childress, Sarr 6), Notre Dame 34 (Mooney 13), Assists—Wake Forest 14 (Childress 5), Notre Dame 15 (Gibbs, Pflueger 4). Total Fouls—Wake Forest 23, Notre Dame 17. A—6,402 (9,149).									
NBA									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	33	14	.702	—					
Boston	31	15	.674	1½					
Philadelphia	31	17	.646	2½					
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	12½					
New York	13	36	.265	21					
Southeast Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	32	15	.681	—					
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½					
Charlotte	16	31	.340	16					
Washington	15	31	.326	16½					
Atlanta	12	36	.250	20½					
Central Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—					
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½					
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½					
Detroit	17	32	.347	25					
Cleveland	13	35	.271	28½					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	29	18	.617	—					
Houston	29	18	.617	—					
Memphis	24	24	.500	5½					
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8					
New Orleans	19	29	.396	10½					
Northwest Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	32	15	.681	—					
Utah	32	15	.681	—					
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	4					
Portland	21	27	.438	11½					
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17					
Pacific Division									
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—					
L.A. Clippers	33	14	.702	3½					
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½					
Sacramento	17	30	.362	19½					
Golden State	10	38	.208	27½					
Wednesday's Games									
Indiana 115, Chicago 106, OT									
Brooklyn 125, Detroit 115									
Memphis 127, New York 106									
San Antonio 127, Utah 120									
Portland 125, Houston 112									
Oklahoma City 120, Sacramento 100									
Thursday's Games									
Charlotte at Washington									
Toronto at Cleveland									
Philadelphia at Atlanta									
Golden State at Boston									
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers									
Utah at Denver									
Today's Games									
Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.									
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.									
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.									
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.									
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.									
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.									
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.									
Saturday's Games									
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.									
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.									
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.									
Brooklyn at Washington, 8 p.m.									
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.									
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.									

Kanaan closing IndyCar career with 5 final oval races

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

Tony Kanaan will close his wildly popular IndyCar career this season on a farewell tour of oval tracks and the Indianapolis 500.

The “TK Farewell Tour” was announced Thursday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where Kanaan is one of the most revered drivers in speedway history. Series officials revealed a logo to celebrate this season, which incorporates Kanaan’s initials with the words “last lap” in green, yellow and white – the colors of Brazil’s flag.

Fans adore the wide-smiled Brazilian, who led laps many times in May but came up empty 11 consecutive times – finishing in the top five in five of those defeats. His breakthrough came in 2013 with what is now Vasser Sullivan Racing, when Kanaan finally won the Indianapolis 500.

His career since has been a

roller-coaster, as he parlayed that Indy 500 win into four seasons with Chip Ganassi Racing, and finally the last two at A.J. Foyt Racing.

Foyt has funding issues and longtime partner ABC Supply Co. said it was scaling back to sponsor just one race, the Indy 500. Kanaan gets that event in the No. 14 and and personal sponsors 7-Eleven, Big Machine Vodka, NTT Data and Bryant stepped in to fund the remaining four ovals on the IndyCar schedule.

“I have mixed emotions,” Kanaan told The Associated Press. “It wasn’t my decision to race only five races.”

The 45-year-old is a fitness enthusiast and prepared for this upcoming season as if he he might pull in some magical funding that could earn him a proper 23rd farewell season. Instead, he is another casualty of a poor driver market in which veterans are being squeezed out of their seats by drivers will little to

no IndyCar experience.

A.J. Foyt Racing already this month announced Charlie Kimball would do a full season in the No. 4 Chevrolet. Kimball, who is diabetic, is bringing sponsorship from longtime partner and healthcare company Novo Nordisk.

“I always tried to remove myself and put on the owner’s shoes and think if I was the owner, what decision would I make. I try not to be selfish, I try to be fair,” Kanaan said. “I’m not saying I’m done, but I’m stepping back a bit.”

The financial backing needed to keep the No. 14 on the track for a full season may require a handful of drivers. Sebastien Bourdais, fired abruptly from Dale Coyne Racing last month, could end driving four of the road and street course races. Bourdais said at the Rolex 24 of Daytona he’d have IndyCar races on his schedule this year.

Another driver in the mix for a large portion of the

schedule is Dalton Kellett, a Canadian with six career podiums in 70 Indy Lights races. Kellett was seventh in the standings driving a full Lights season last year for Juncos Racing.

Kanaan laughed at the idea that his is truly a “farewell tour” since he will likely chase a seat in the Indianapolis 500 the next several years. Kanaan is eyeing the Ironman World Championships in October and other forms of racing, possibly sports cars. He will have the freedom to pick and choose, like his friend Jimmie Johnson, who is calling this upcoming NASCAR season his last and will then pursue bucket list events.

“This is my 23rd year in IndyCar, it’s tough that it will be my last,” Kanaan told AP. “Hopefully the announcement opens some other doors for me.”

Kanaan is scheduled to debut this season at the Indianapolis 500, followed by rac-

es at Texas, Richmond, Iowa and finally Gateway near St. Louis on Aug. 22.

He won’t be absent from the other races, though.

Kanaan plans to attend each race and become more engaged with the fans. That won’t make it any easier when Kanaan’s record streak of 317 consecutive IndyCar starts ends March 15 at St. Petersburg. Scott Dixon has the second-longest active streak at 258 and would need to start every IndyCar race over the next 3 1/2 seasons just to match Kanaan’s mark.

“I have to prepare for that first race, when I see that green flag drop,” Kanaan said with the Borg-Warner Trophy placed between himself and Mark Miles, the president and CEO of Penske Entertainment, which owns the series.

He has 17 career victories dating to his entry in CART in 1998. He was caught

in the split between North America’s successful open-wheel series and the upstart Indy Racing League, the series long re-branded IndyCar and recently purchased by Roger Penske.

When Kanaan finally arrived at Indianapolis in 2002 with Mo Nunn he was an instant fan favorite with his supersized personality and speedway skills. He returned the next year in a dazzling 7-Eleven car with Andretti Green Racing and finished third behind a pair of Roger Penske’s car.

The next year’s Andretti lineup was fierce with Kanaan, Dan Wheldon, Bryan Herta and Dario Franchitti. Kanaan led the organization as it finished second, third and fourth. He earned respect in the grandstands and was part of an Andretti team notorious for its pranks and wild adventures during the closing years of IndyCar’s heyday.

Djokovic adds to Slam streak vs. Federer at Australian Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was wondering, right along with everyone else, what sort of shape Roger Federer would be in for their Australian Open semifinal.

At age 38, despite dealing with a painful groin muscle and coming off a draining five-setter, Federer came out just fine, it seemed, and soon was up 4-1 and love-40, holding a trio of break chances as Djokovic served.

Didn’t last. Federer couldn’t sustain that level. Neither his body nor Djokovic would let him.

Casting aside a bit of a poor start during the rivals’ 50th meeting, Djokovic stretched his Grand Slam winning streak against Federer to six in a row with a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday night that earned the defending champion a record eighth trip to the final at Melbourne Park.

“Today was horrible, to go through what I did. Nice entrance. Nice sendoff. And in between, it’s one to forget, because you know you have a 3 percent chance to win,” Federer said, adding that he discussed beforehand with his team how bad things would need to get for him to stop playing. “Once you can see it coming, that it’s not going to work anymore, it’s tough.”

Djokovic now leads their head-to-head series 27-23, including 11-6 at majors. Federer hasn’t beaten him at one of the sport’s four most important tournaments since 2012.

“I just want to say, respect to Roger for coming out tonight. He was obviously hurt,” Djokovic said. “Wasn’t at his best.”

The No. 2-seeded Djokovic will try to collect a record-extending eighth Australian Open title on Sunday against No. 5 Dominic Thiem or No. 7 Alexander Zverev.

Djokovic also can claim a 17th major trophy overall to move closer to Federer’s record of 20. Rafael Nadal, beaten by Thiem in the quarterfinals, is at 19.

In the women’s final Saturday, it’ll be two-time major champion Garbiñe Muguruza of Spain against 21-year-old Sofia Kenin of the United States. It’s Kenin’s debut in a Grand Slam title match.

Clearly, for Djokovic vs. Federer, everything hinged on the first hour or so.

They played on a muggy, sweltering evening, with the temperature in the high 90s (high 30s Celsius) and no breeze to offer respite.

Almost from the moment his wild quarterfinal ended Tuesday after he’d saved seven match points and eked past Tennys Sandgren in five sets, speculation swirled about how well

Federer would recover.

Might the muscle issue force him to pull out of the tournament? Why didn’t he practice Wednesday?

As it happens, Federer showed up, of course. And gave what he could until the end.

He’s never handed an opponent a walkover across more than 400 Grand Slam matches, never retired from any of his more than 1,500 career tour-level matches.

“I don’t think I would have gone on court if I had no chance to win,” Federer said. “We saw I was still able to make a match out of it.”

Indeed, Federer appeared to be managing just fine at the outset.

And, oh, did this match set out well, in terms of the atmosphere, in terms of the tension, in terms of the tennis.

The proceedings began with a jolt of a 14-point game as a fugue of “Let’s go, Roger!” and “No-le! No-le!” provided the soundtrack, prompting chair umpire Nico Helwerth to passively aggressively admonish spectators: “Please. Thank you.”

There was an exchange of 17 strokes. Another of 15. There were two break points for Djokovic, nullified with the help of formidable serves. Federer took the game with three aces, three other clean winners and then broke to go up 2-0

on his way to 4-1.

Soon it was nearly 5-1 in Federer’s favor. Close doesn’t count, though.

Djokovic put up too much resistance, much like during their epic Wimbledon final last July, when he thwarted two championship points for Federer and wound up winning in a fifth-set tiebreaker.

This time, Djokovic said, “I managed to dig my way back.”

After Djokovic got out of that love-40 hole to hold, he trailed 5-2 and love-30.

But Djokovic picked up 10 consecutive points to not only hold there but also break at love in the following game as Federer, one of the most effective servers ever, served for the set. At love! Imagine that.

In the eventual tiebreaker, Djokovic did what Djokovic does: No mistakes and four pure winners, including a down-the-line backhand return to end it.

At the break, Federer took a medical timeout and went off court with a trainer, like he did against Sandgren. Djokovic stayed on the sideline while he, too, got checked out.

When play resumed, Federer did not look as spry or confident as in the first set. He tried shortcuts such as pushing forward on returns or less-than-ideal drop shots. He couldn’t generate so much as one break chance.

KC fans under closer scrutiny for chants, ‘tomahawk chops’

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH and JIM SALTER
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — While other sports teams using Native American nicknames and imagery have faced decades of protests and boycotts, the Kansas City Chiefs have largely slid under the radar.

Until now.

The Chiefs will appear in their first Super Bowl in 50 years Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers, and what is traditionally the nation’s largest TV audience will watch Kansas City fans break into a “war chant” and mimic tomahawk chops. Although many defend the display as a fun fan tradition, others view it as offensive and racist to Native Americans.

Vincent Schilling, associate editor of Indian Country Today, said it’s time for the Chiefs to face the music.

“When I see something like a tomahawk chop, which is derived from television and film portrayals, I find it incredibly offensive because it is an absolutely horrible stereotype of what a native person is,” Schilling said. “It’s not much more than a cartoon.

My people are not a cartoon. My community is not a cartoon. My heritage is not a cartoon.”

Plenty of franchises have been confronted over Native American stereotypes. The NFL’s Washington Redskins have faced protests since the 1980s. The Cleveland Indians were so besieged by complaints over their Chief Wahoo emblem that the baseball team removed it from all uniforms last season.

The Atlanta Braves made changes during the baseball playoffs in October after St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Ryan Helsley, a member of the Cherokee Nation, called a “war chant” by Braves fans disrespectful.

The Braves did not distribute their traditional red foam tomahawks to fans before Game 5 of the National League Division Series.

Fans of the Chiefs, like those of the Braves, long ago adopted the chanting and arm movement symbolizing the brandishing of a tomahawk that began at Florida State University in the 1980s.

So why have Kansas City fans largely been given a pass? Many on social media wonder.

“What good comes from a bunch of Non-Natives pretending to be Native?” Kaysa Williams, 28, a Native American Democratic campaign worker in Oklahoma, wrote on Facebook.

In an interview, Williams said the chanting and chopping “dehumanizes who we are and what we stand for. There’s not really another

race in the United States that has to defend whether or not they can be used as a mascot.”

Schilling believes Kansas City has gotten a pass because the traditions are, by comparison, less offensive. For example, he calls the Redskins’ nickname “a dictionary-defined racial slur.”

Grocery store chain Price Chopper proclaimed “Can’t Stop the Chop” in its latest advertising campaign tie-in with the Chiefs. The ads show fans doing the tomahawk chop.

The Chiefs, in a statement, stressed the team’s commitment to “use our platform to create an awareness and understanding of Native cultures, as well as celebrate the rich traditions of multiple tribes with historic connection to our region.”

The origin of the Chiefs nickname may have more to do with the mayor who helped lure the franchise from Dallas in 1963 than any connection to Native Americans.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle was a large man known as “The Chief” for his many years of leadership in the Boy Scouts. Team owner Lamar Hunt reportedly named the team the Chiefs in honor of Bartle.

Even the connection with Bartle has undertones that some find offensive. Though he was white, Bartle started a Scouting society called the “Mic-O-Say Tribe,” which remains active and continues to use Native American attire and language.

Young participants are “braves,” and the top leader is the “chief.”

Games at Arrowhead Stadium also continue to take on the vibe of a less politically correct time. Some fans wear headaddresses or face paint. A “war drum” is banged before the game. A horse named “Warpaint” circles the field after scores as fans chant and mimic the tomahawk chop.

“It’s something that brings the fans together,” Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones said Monday during Media Night at the Super Bowl, “but I can definitely see how there would be a misunderstanding.”

At Kansas City’s Union Station, throngs of fans have been lining up to snap photos near a massive Chiefs logo. Most defended the chants and tomahawk chops, but understood the backlash.

“It is so hard because it is such a tradition that I don’t think was begun in negative connotation,” said Cori Power, 53, a court reporter from Grantville, Kansas. “That’s where it’s hard, when the world changes and things that you’ve always done – all of a sudden – feel like they may not be an honorable thing. Traditions die hard.”

Many are outraged that NFL teams didn’t hire Bieniemy or Saleh

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — It’s common for coordinators in the Super Bowl to have a head coaching position with a new team waiting for them after the game.

Not this year.

The Kansas City Chiefs have perhaps the most dynamic offense in the NFL and the San Francisco 49ers feature one of the stingiest defenses in the league. The men in charge of both units got interviews but were passed over.

Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy interviewed with the Panthers, Browns and Giants during the team’s bye before the playoffs. Niners defensive coordinator Robert Saleh also interviewed with the Browns.

Cleveland hired Kevin Stefanski, who was Minnesota’s offensive coordinator, after Saleh’s defense shut down the Vikings in a 27-10 win in the divisional round.

So when two minority candidates with obvious qualifi-

cations miss out on coaching jobs, many people question whether the NFL has a diversity issue.

There are just three African-American head coaches in the league and only one minority – Ron Rivera – was hired to fill one of the five vacancies this offseason.

“Clearly, we are not where we want to be on this level,” NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Wednesday about the Rooney Rule. “It’s clear we need to change and do something different. There’s no reason to expect we’re going to have a different outcome next year without those kinds of changes and we’ve already begun engaging in those changes.”

Bieniemy and Saleh aren’t complaining, though others are outraged for them.

“I had an opportunity to interview for three jobs,” Bieniemy said. “One thing I can say, I had a great process, a great discussion. Each and every interview is different. ... It’s a blessing and it’s always great to be mentioned. It’s always great to have that opportunity to be considered

in those roles. But when it’s all said and done with, I work for a great organization. I work for a great boss. I work for a great owner. On top of that, we have some great people in this building.”

Chiefs coach Andy Reid called Bieniemy a “leader of men” and praised his intellect.

“They also know and respect his mind,” Reid said. “Every week, he and I sit down, and we put together this game-plan sheet with 200-plus plays on it. He memorizes every play, every formation. Just BA-boom, on recall, just like that. Every week, I go, ‘Listen, are you good with this?’ He goes, ‘No problem, got it.’ A lot of hard work goes into it. Plus, he is a brilliant dude.”

Saleh inherited the worst defense in the league in 2017 and turned it into the No. 2 ranked defense this season.

“I just go about my business best I can,” said Saleh, who is Lebanese-American. “Judge me for who I am, not for my ethnicity.”

Hall of Fame running back

Marshall Faulk put all the blame on the owners for the lack of diversity.

“This may be the first time you have a defensive coordinator who could be a head coach and an offensive coordinator who could be a head coach and there’s not a team waiting for them,” Faulk said. “It is sad. But they don’t care. Nothing will be done about it. When the owners meet, none of us are in there to pound the table and say this is wrong. Let’s be real.”

Niners cornerback Richard Sherman blamed the media.

“I put more of the responsibility on you – on the media because you’re asking people who have no say in it,” Sherman said. “You’re asking players. We literally have no say in who gets hired, who gets fired. But the people who have say, we don’t pressure. The owners, we don’t call, we don’t push to get them; when you have them in the media, nobody asks them the hard questions because you don’t want to rub them the wrong way, you don’t want to get on their bad side.”

Restricted diet makes dinner parties awkward to attend

DEAR ABBY: I have multiple chronic health conditions. Because my symptoms are worsened by a lot of foods, I'm on a highly restricted diet. If I stay on it, I feel as well as possible. (I never feel entirely well.)

When I go to friends' homes for dinner or parties, would it be rude for me to bring along something for myself that I can eat that won't make me sick? I can have no grains, no dairy, no eggs, no sugar, the list goes on and on, but I could always bring extra food to share if you think that would be appropriate.

I have been eating before I go and then claiming not to be hungry, but I feel it would be rude to do this at dinner parties. What do you suggest I do? I prefer that my health not be a topic of conversation. — Can't Eat Jack

DEAR CAN'T: Your health won't be a topic of conversation at these gatherings if you discuss this with your host(s) at the time you are invited to the party. Explain that you are on a severely restricted diet, picking at their food might be interpreted as rude and you don't wish to come across that way. Ask if you can bring your own food with you. I'm sure your hosts will understand and tell you to enjoy their hospitality (if not their food) because they welcome your company.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I received a worrisome email from our 20-something-year-old son, a graduate student some distance away. He wrote that he is recovering from wounds of his childhood. (We thought we were loving, supportive parents.) He indicated he will come home for visits only if we comply with his demands — about 10 were listed — and accused us of some things we never did.

On the advice of my counselor — I have a history of depression, which is in remission — I wrote agreeing to his demands in order to keep the lines of communication open. My husband refuses to do this. He is overwhelmingly hurt, angry and frustrated. He says he “will not walk on eggshells in his own home.” Our son is our only child. What can or should we do? — Heartbroken In Ohio

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Nobody should have to walk on eggshells. If ever I heard of a family that could benefit from family counseling, you three are it. Your doctor or insurance company can refer you to someone who is licensed and competent. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: My biological mother gave me up at birth. Her reason for doing it changes every time I ask. I joined the Navy right out of high school and left the service at 25. Less than a month later, she contacted me. It turns out that I have three half-siblings, but I have no desire to connect with them.

She waited 25 years to contact me, and I was the only one of my siblings she gave up. Does it make me a bad person that I have no emotional connection to my biological family? — No Feelings In The East

DEAR NO FEELINGS: No, it does not. Whatever her reason for surrendering you, you have built a good life. Please stop feeling guilty for moving forward and living it. Doing so does not make you a bad person, only a healthy one.

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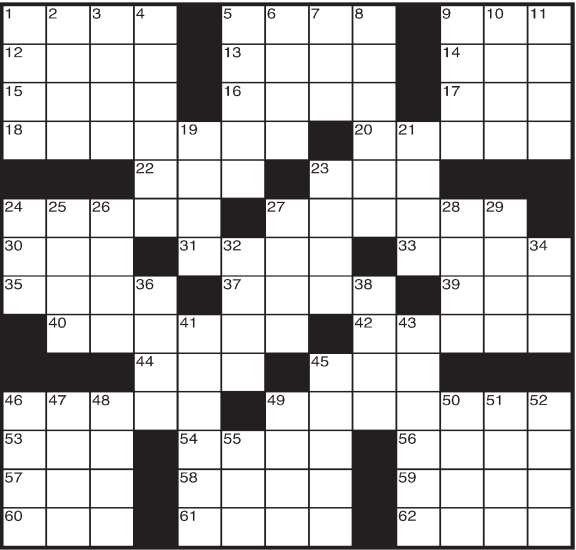
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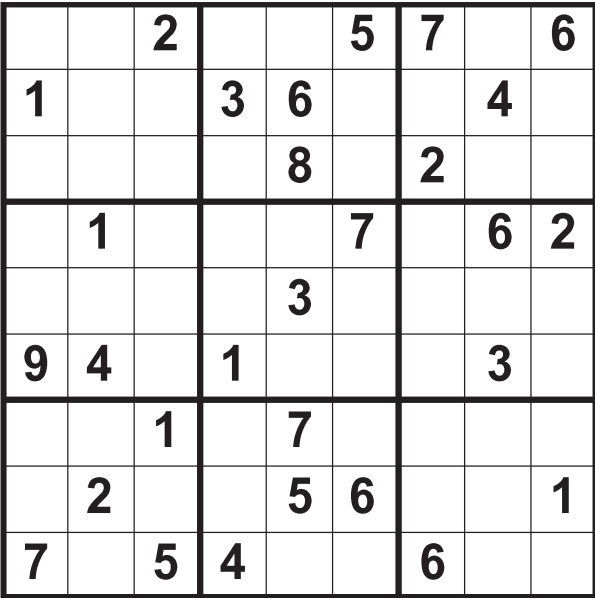
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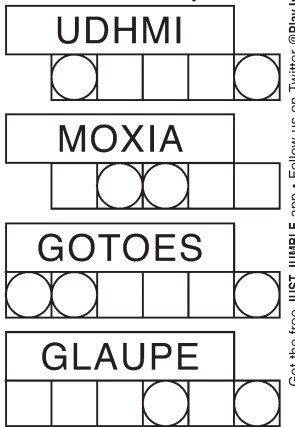
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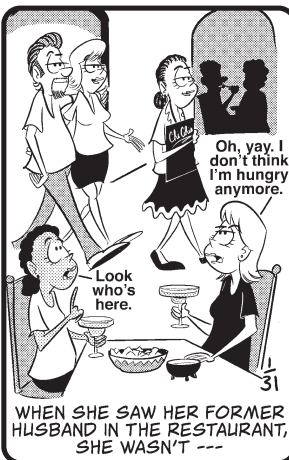
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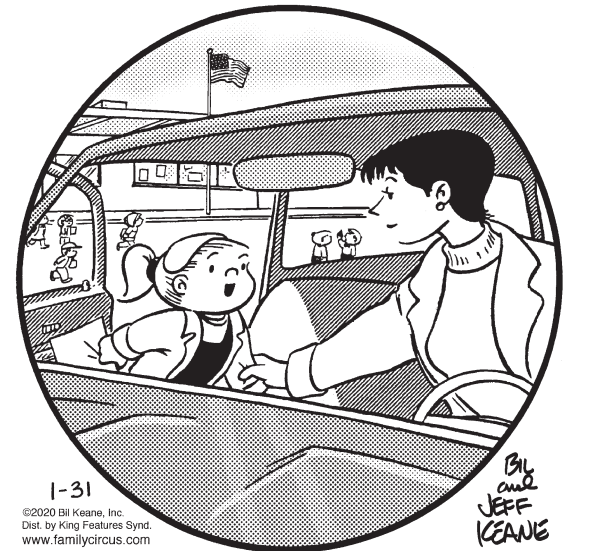


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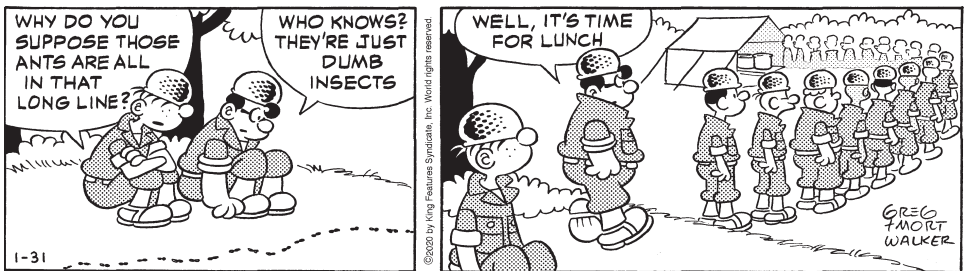
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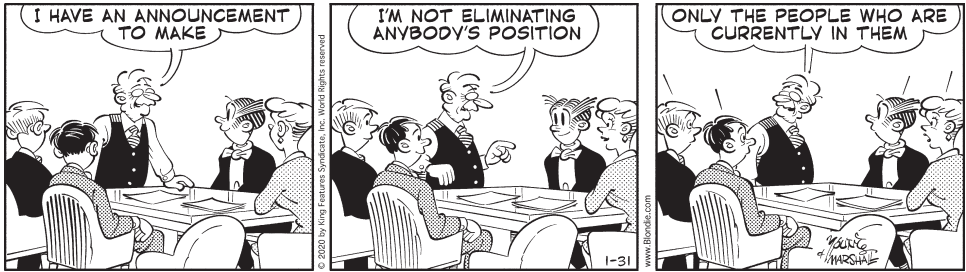


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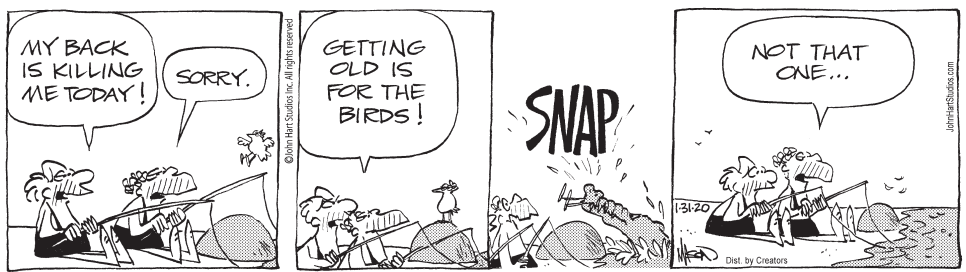
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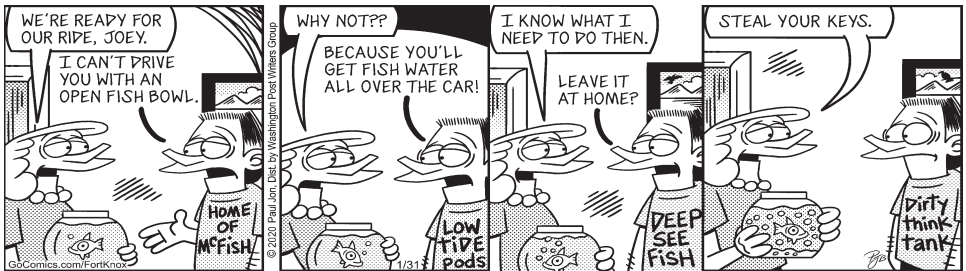
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Holy Spirit gives us assurance that we have been born again

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I'm discouraged because I've been saved a while but haven't made any improvement, still struggling with things my friends said were keeping me from surrendering to Jesus Christ. Why can't I break the bad habits (sins) that seem to weigh me down? — N.C.

A: After we receive Christ as Savior we may be confused sometimes because many of the old temptations have not disappeared. We still sin. Sometimes we lose our tempers. Pride and jealousy may still crop up from time to time. This is not only confusing it is discouraging and sometimes leads to spiritual depression. We may even have some particular “besetting sin” that plagues us that we do not seem to be able to

conquer.

But the moment we receive Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit and are given a new nature that contends with our old nature. By the old birth we are children of the flesh; by the new birth we are children of God. This is why Jesus told Nicodemus that he “must be born again” (John 3:3).

Whenever the old nature asserts itself, we may begin to doubt whether or not we are really saved. Satan wants us to doubt our salvation to make us ineffective, but we must remind ourselves that

the Holy Spirit gives us assurance that we have been born again. How do we remind ourselves? By reading and studying the Word of God. The more we commune with God by reading His word and spending time in prayer, the less we want of our old ways. The new nature begins to take over by the power of God's Word that speaks into our hearts and puts our minds on Him and sets our feet on the right path. We must let the Bible become central to life, for we cannot grow spiritually strong without it.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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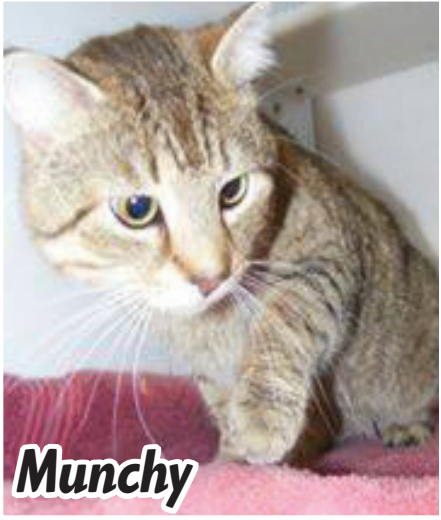
Roann Civil Town, Wabash County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2019							
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal	
			January 1, 2019				
Governmental Activities	101	GENERAL	\$110,778.12	\$136,175.37	\$169,902.29	\$77,051.20	
	201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$154,144.18	\$47,480.24	\$32,847.27	\$168,777.15	
	202	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$9,510.39	\$4,358.65	\$0.00	\$13,869.04	
	203	MVH Restricted (subfund of Motor Vehicle Highway)	\$0.00	\$10,308.37	\$0.00	\$10,308.37	
	204	Park & Recreation	\$0.00	\$609.68	\$0.00	\$609.68	
	209	LIT - Economic Development (Formerly CEDIT)	\$0.00	\$1,599.34	\$0.00	\$1,599.34	
	217	Playground Donation	\$15,879.10	\$12,080.97	\$0.00	\$27,960.07	
	218	ECONOMIC DEV-CEDIT	\$23,261.54	\$8,211.70	\$3,497.00	\$27,976.24	
	241	Unsafe Building	\$0.00	\$109.09	\$0.00	\$109.09	
	245	RAINY DAY FUND	\$1,313.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,313.00	
WASTEWATER UTILITY	249	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$27,993.43	\$9,864.00	\$7,228.89	\$30,628.54	
	401	CUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$3,681.10	\$1,094.36	\$600.00	\$4,175.46	
	429	CUM FIRE	\$32,594.75	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$38,594.75	
	623	SANITATION	\$4,117.51	\$17,134.76	\$17,072.94	\$4,179.33	
	632	CDBG Blight	-\$544.00	\$544.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WATER UTILITY	806	Payroll - Revenue	\$4,085.25	\$183,486.40	\$184,252.02	\$3,319.63	
	606	SEWAGE CASH OPERATING	\$18,547.19	\$127,730.30	\$141,644.03	\$4,633.46	
	607	SEWAGE BOND & INTEREST	\$0.00	\$35,741.00	\$35,741.00	\$0.00	
	608	SEWAGE DEPRECIATION	\$7,813.36	\$10,002.00	\$0.00	\$17,815.36	
WATER UTILITY	609	SEWAGE DEBT SERV RESERVE	\$44,368.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,368.85	
	601	WATER CASH OPERATING	\$9,560.38	\$106,499.20	\$114,412.83	\$1,646.75	
	603	WATER DEPRECIATION	\$5,561.78	\$0.00	\$5,002.53	\$559.25	
Total All Funds			\$472,665.93	\$719,029.43	\$712,200.80	\$479,494.56	HSPAXLP 1/31/2020

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